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廃墟の町に唄う17米の個性毒魔愚郎！
赤十字と白衣の下に秘めた魔性恵魅！
異形は何処から来て、何故に貪るのか？
蟲と霧に隠された古城から呪いの朗誦が響する
抹殺！抹殺！人類抹殺！
四千の戦鬼新東京に挙る！
何ぞ怖れん、我等に葉隠覚悟あり！

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KAKUGO HAGAKURE

A JUNIOR AT GYAKUJUJI HIGH SCHOOL. AFTER RIGOROUS TRAINING, HE HAS COME TO LEARN WHAT IT TAKES TO BECOME A TRUE HERO.WHEN HIS CLASSMATES ARE IN DANGER, HE UNITES WITH THE FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL, AND UNLEASHES HIS IMPACT UPON THE HEINOUS THUGS.

FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL "ZERO"

IT HOLDS THREE THOUSAND HEROIC SOULS WITHIN ITS LIVING ARMOR.

THE THREE THOUSAND SOULS

THEY CAN ONLY BE SEEN BY KAKUGO.

GYAKUJUJI HIGH SCHOOL

THE HIGH SCHOOL KAKUGO ATTENDS. A FORTRESS FOR CHILDREN WHO BEAR THE FUTURE OF THE DEVASTATED WORLD.

TSUMIKO HORIE

A HEROINE THAT EVERYONE ADORES. SHE MAY BE CHUBBY, BUT SHE'S QUICK.

THE PRINCIPAL

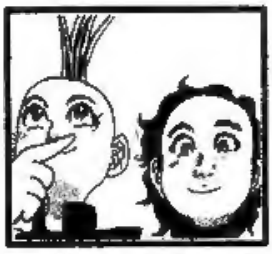
HE KNOWS KAKUGO'S SECRET. 54 YEARS OLD.

HAOKA

HORIE'S CHAMPION.

HOSHIO

THE LEADER OF THE ARMED DISCIPLINE SQUAD.



PYONTA(LEFT) PONTA(RIGHT)

HAOKA'S UNDERLINGS

ZENIGATA

SLEAZY JAPANESE LANGUAGE TEACHER.

THREE DICKHEADS

THUGS FROM THE CITY.

ARAHITO-ONI HARARA

KAKUGO'S OLDER BROTHER. WITH THE MASSIVE POWER OF ZERO FORM DEFENSE AND HIS OWN FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL, HE IS BENT ON EXTERMINATING THE WORTHLESS AND WEAK, IN ORDER TO CREATE A PERFECT WORLD OF SUPERIOR BEINGS. HE WAS INJURED BY KAKUGO IN A PREVIOUS BATTLE, AND NOW LIES UNCONSCIOUS.

FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL "KASUMI"

HARARA'S FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL

GARAN CASTLE

HARARA'S FORTRESS WHERE THE VICIOUS TACTICAL FIENDS ARE CREATED.

THE TIME IS THE 21ST CENTURY.
THE PLACE IS NEO TOKYO
KAKUGO HAGAKURE
VS
HARARA
AND HIS MONSTERS.

THE BAND OF INDOMITABLE WARLORDS ▶

SUBORDINATES OF HARARA WHO PLEDGED THEIR LOYALTY TO HIM.

ADVISOR
TOMOHISA

CONSUL
KAGENARI

HARARA'S RETAINER
RAI

TACTICAL FIEND GANG LEADER
CHIDOKURO

CAPTAIN OF THE GUARDS
BOLT

HEAD OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH
GALILEO

KIDOUGAI SQUAD

TACTICAL FIEND

DOKUMAGURO

EATS HUMANS.
A VERY BAD MONSTER.

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DOCTOR! WHAT DO YOU THINK?
GYAKUJUJI SCHOOL INFIRMARY
AFTER ANALYZING THE REMAINS ...
I'VE CONCLUDED THAT A VERY LARGE CREATURE CHEWED IT.
SOMETHING MASSIVE, LIKE A DINOSAUR!

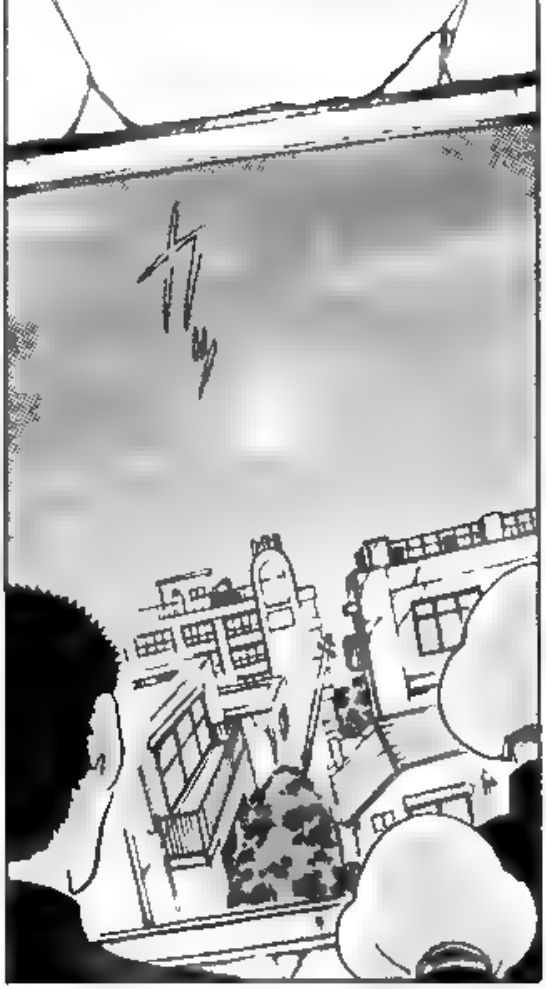
WELL, THAT'S THE BEST GUESS I COULD COME UP WITH.
THE ONLY FOOTPRINTS AT THE SCENE BELONGED TO THE VICTIM
THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
DINOSAUR!?
風紀
風紀
HAGAKURE!
IT IS NOT A DINOSAUR.
ギャ
IT IS A TACTICAL FIEND.

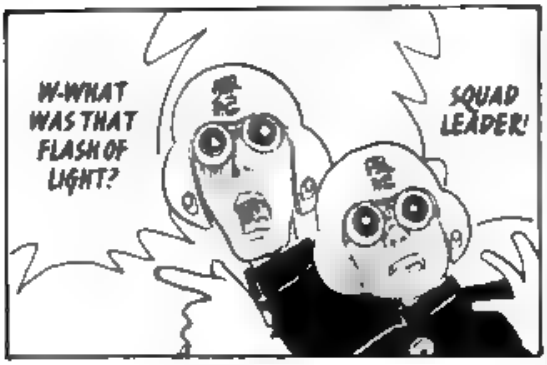
IT IS A HUMAN WEAPON DEVELOPED DURING WORLD WAR II.
?
THEY FEED ON THE BONE MARROW OF HUMAN BEINGS
THUS, IN ORDER TO SURVIVE, THEY MUST PREY ON HUMANS!
IF ONE HAS MORBID THOUGHTS, IT WILL BE REFLECTED IN THE BODY WHICH ONE POSSESSES!
THE APPEARANCE OF THE FIEND IS DETERMINED BY THE STATE OF MIND OF THE PERSON WHO HAS BEEN TRANSFORMED!

AND NOW, THOSE CREATURES HAVE RETURNED TO NEO TOKYO!
THERE IT IS!
ボコッ
AAAH!
たぽ
たぽ

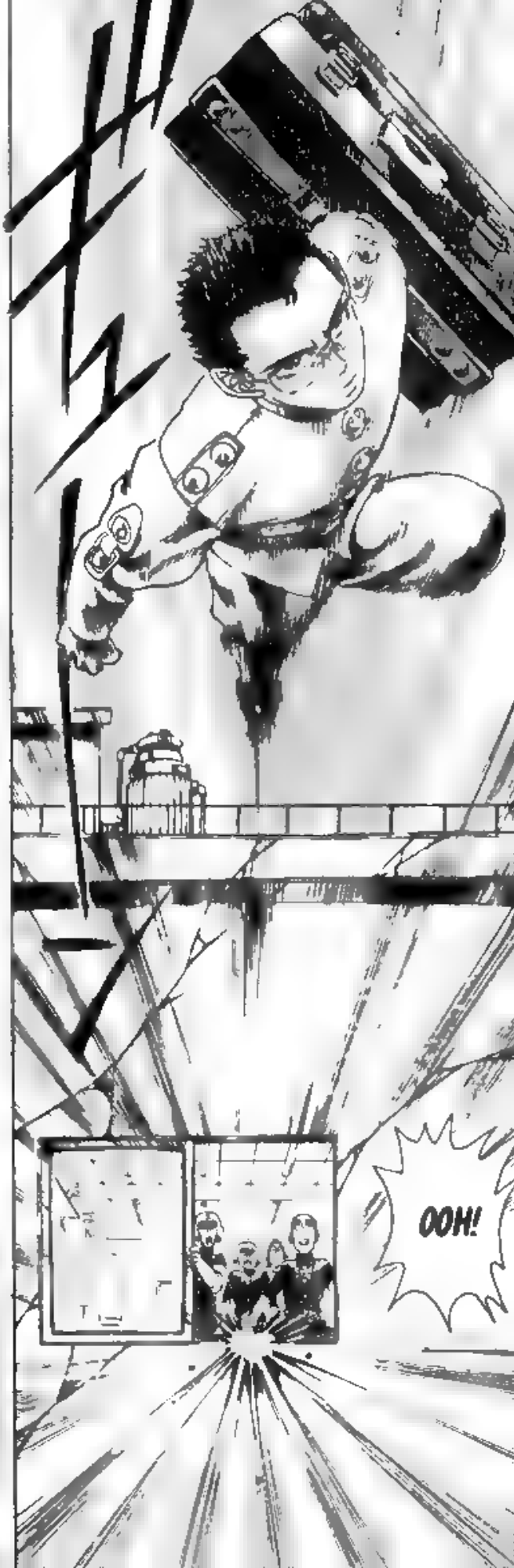
WHAT'S UP WITH THE UNIFORMS?
びちゃ
I DON'T LIKE IT!
AAAH!
THAT AIN'T NO ROCK N' ROLL!
ギロリ
HORIE!

WHAT IS IT? ZERO?
WHAT'S THIS SOUND!?
SOMEONE IS SCREAMING!
IT IS FAINT, BUT I FEEL IT...
WHAT'S THE MATTER? HAGAKURE?
AND THE VOICE IS CALLING OUT FOR YOU!
!
ガラ
H-HEY!




W-WHAT WAS THAT FLASH OF LIGHT?
SQUAD LEADER!

HAGAKURE TURNED INTO ZERO!
IT'S ZERO!

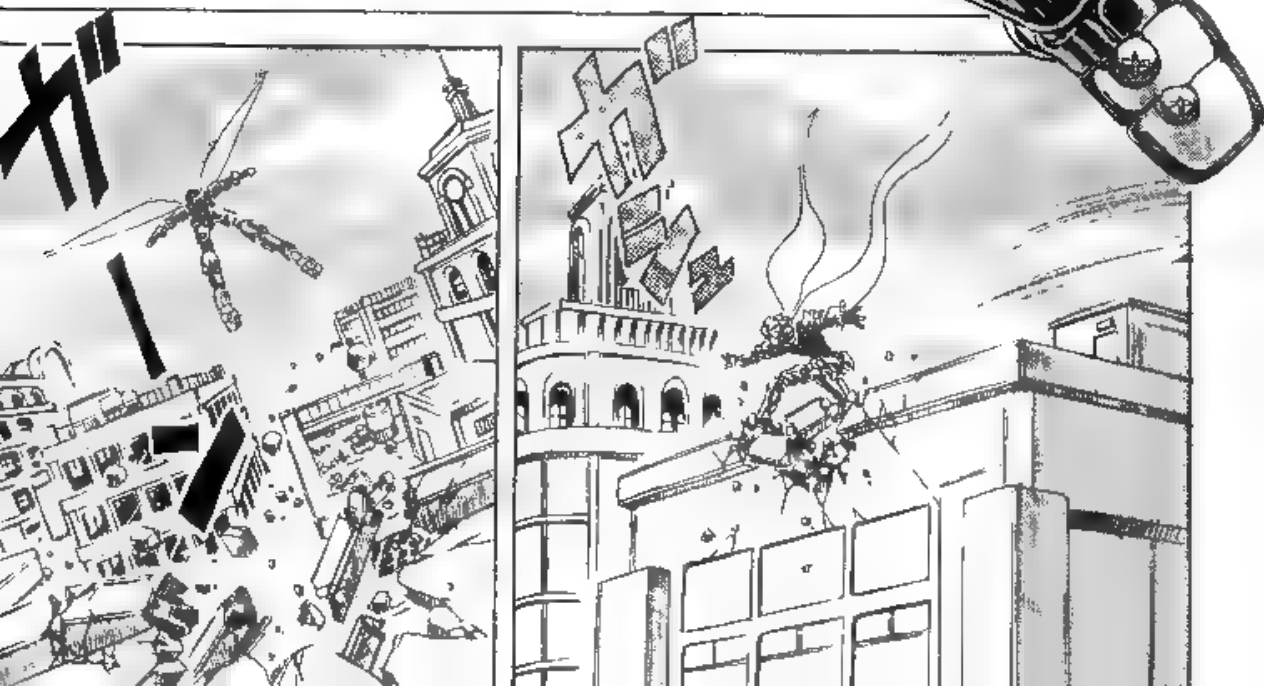

OOH!

完了

COMPLETE

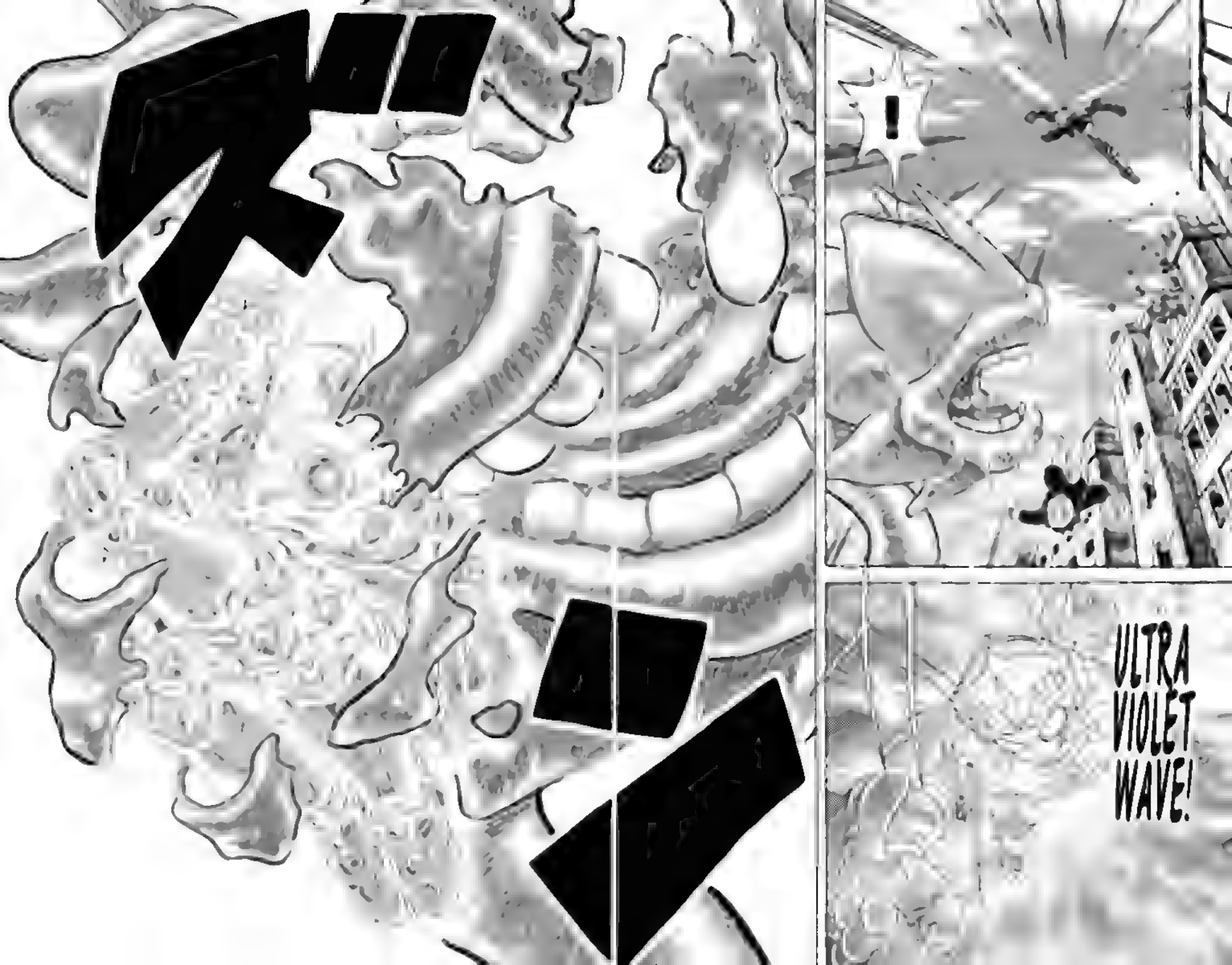
覚悟

KAKUGO



AH!
ポっ
!
ドン
PONTA!
ひ!っ
TAKADA!
ぼいん
びうーん
うおー!

TAKE THIS!
ばし
びたーん
YOU!
だだだ
ガク
NO UNIFORMS ARE GONNA BEAT ME!
YOU'RE WASTING YOUR TIME!
!
NO!
おお
おお


ズ
!
ULTRA
VIOLET
WAVE!

!
AAH!
AGH!
STAND BACK FROM THE MONSTER!

SUBLIMATION!

ほわ～

ばばば
BAGAKURE
COOL

じゃっ

ジジ…

びくん!
STAY ON YOUR GUARD!
ガガッ
THAT WAS JUST A PART OF IT!
A PART OF IT?
THAT HUGE THING?
ど…ど…ど…ど…ど…ん
!
AN EARTHQUAKE!?
THE MAIN BODY IS COMING!
MAIN BODY!?

17 METERS!
AN UNKNOWN CREATURE, 17 METERS TALL IS APPROACHING FROM THE FRONT!
GET OUT OF HERE AS FAST AS YOU CAN!
ど"ど"ど"ん
WOW
GETTING CLOSER
HM!
む!?
STAY BACK!
YEAH!
WE'RE GONNA FIGHT, TOO!

どーん
どーん
WHO DID IT?
WHO BURNED MY BELOVED FLOWER?
どーん

MY PRECIOUS INDIVIDUALITY
WHO DESTROYED IT?
I DID!

EPISODE NINETEEN, CHEMICAL WEAPON

第十九話　化学兵器

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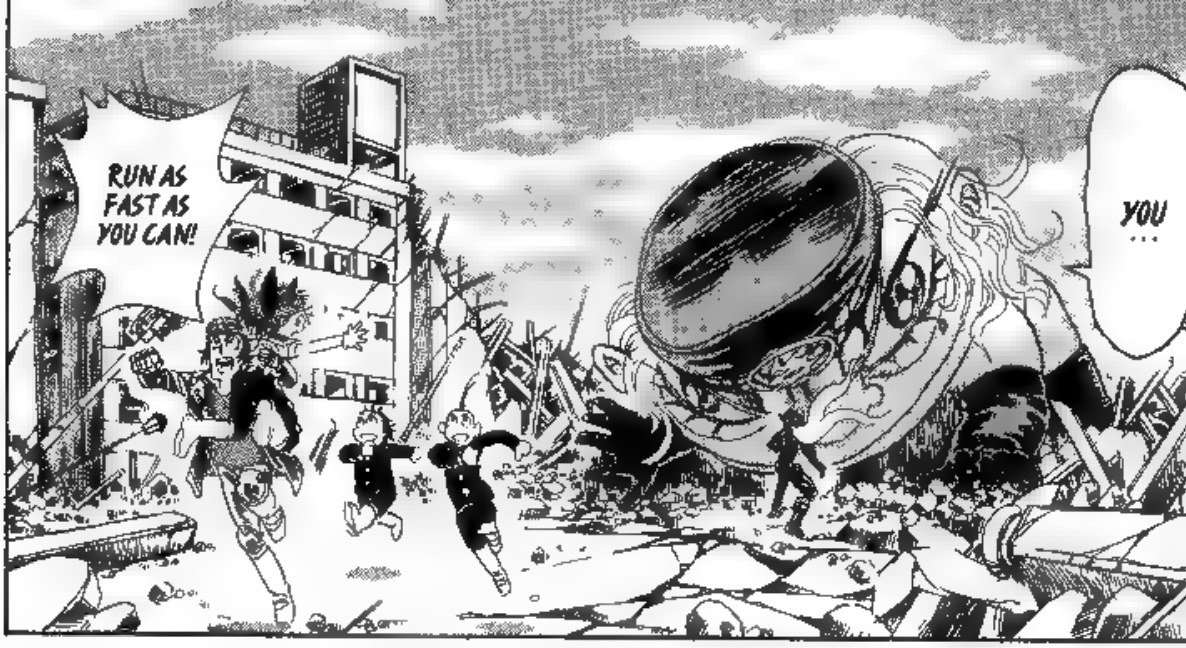
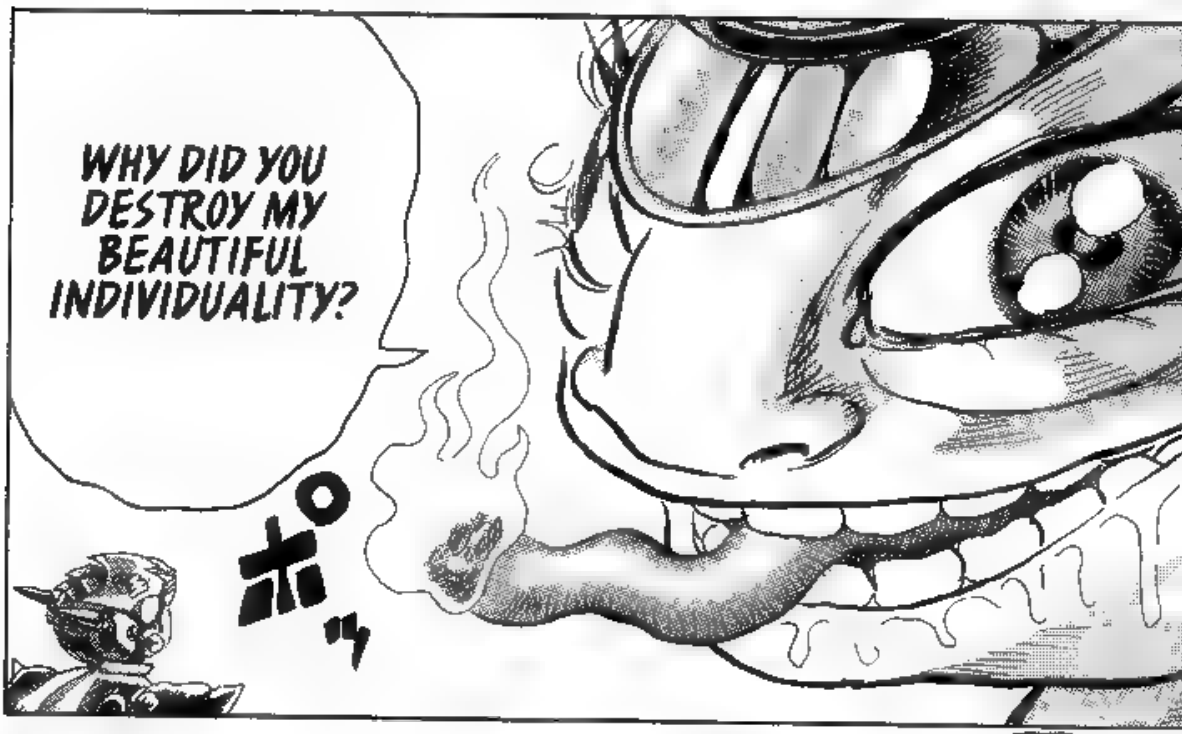
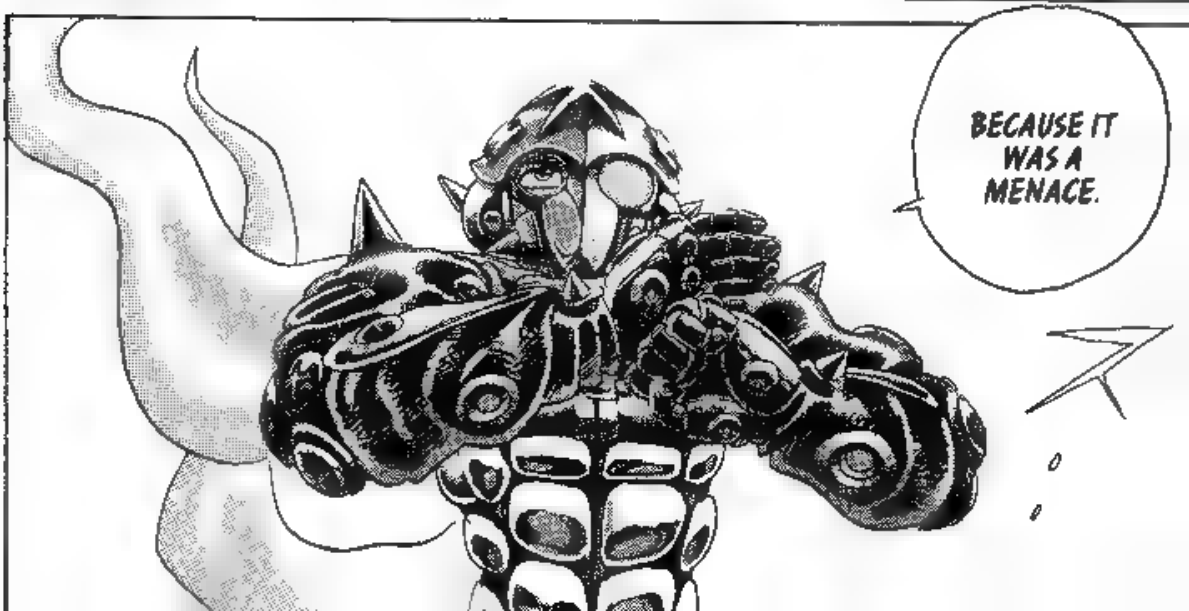
HORIE LET'S GO!
B-BUT...
HURRY! GET OUT OF HERE!
AAAH!
どどどど
どーん


RUN AS FAST AS YOU CAN!
YOU ...


WHY DID YOU DESTROY MY BEAUTIFUL INDIVIDUALITY?


BECAUSE IT WAS A MENACE.

YOU'RE TRYING TO TAKE MY INDIVIDUALITY AWAY FROM ME, AND USE ME TO PULL A TRAIN FULL OF PATHETIC HUMANS!
NO!
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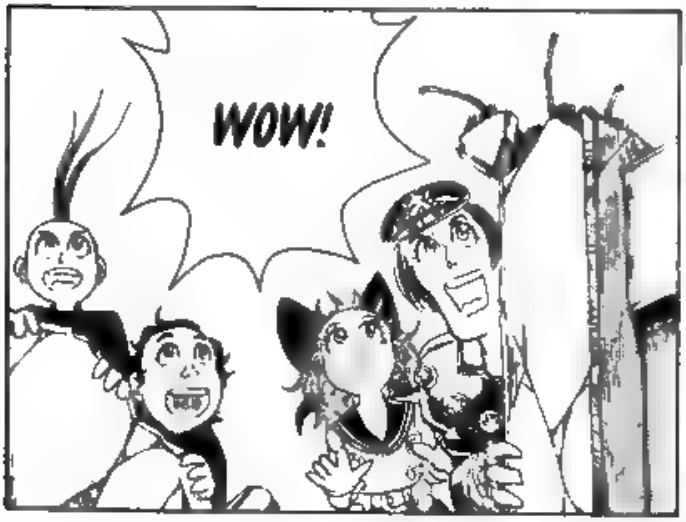
I'LL SHOW YOU SOME ROCK N' ROLL!

IMPACT!


WOW!

ROCK ON!
GIVE IT TO HIM AGAIN!
GO! HAGAKURE!
AGH!
OK!

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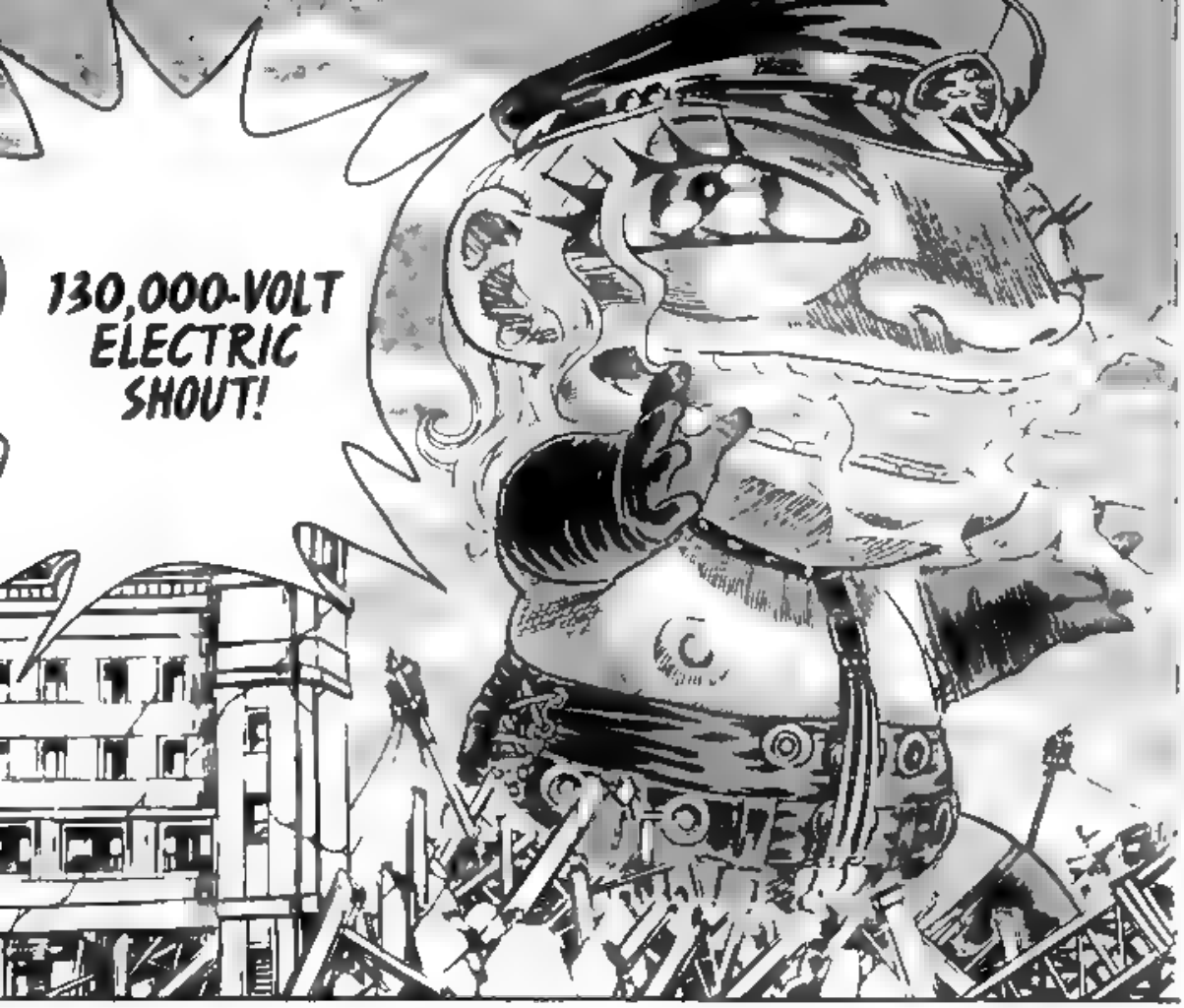
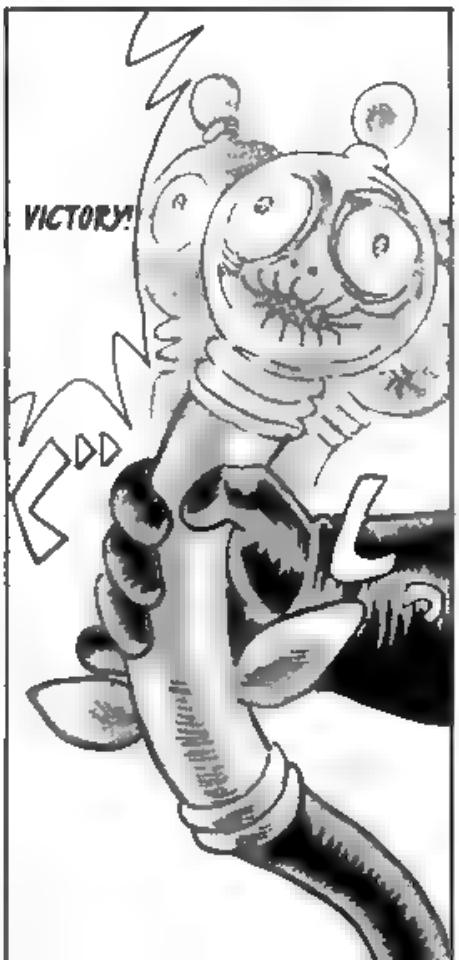
AH!!
AAAAAAAH
MIC, ON!
にゃーん

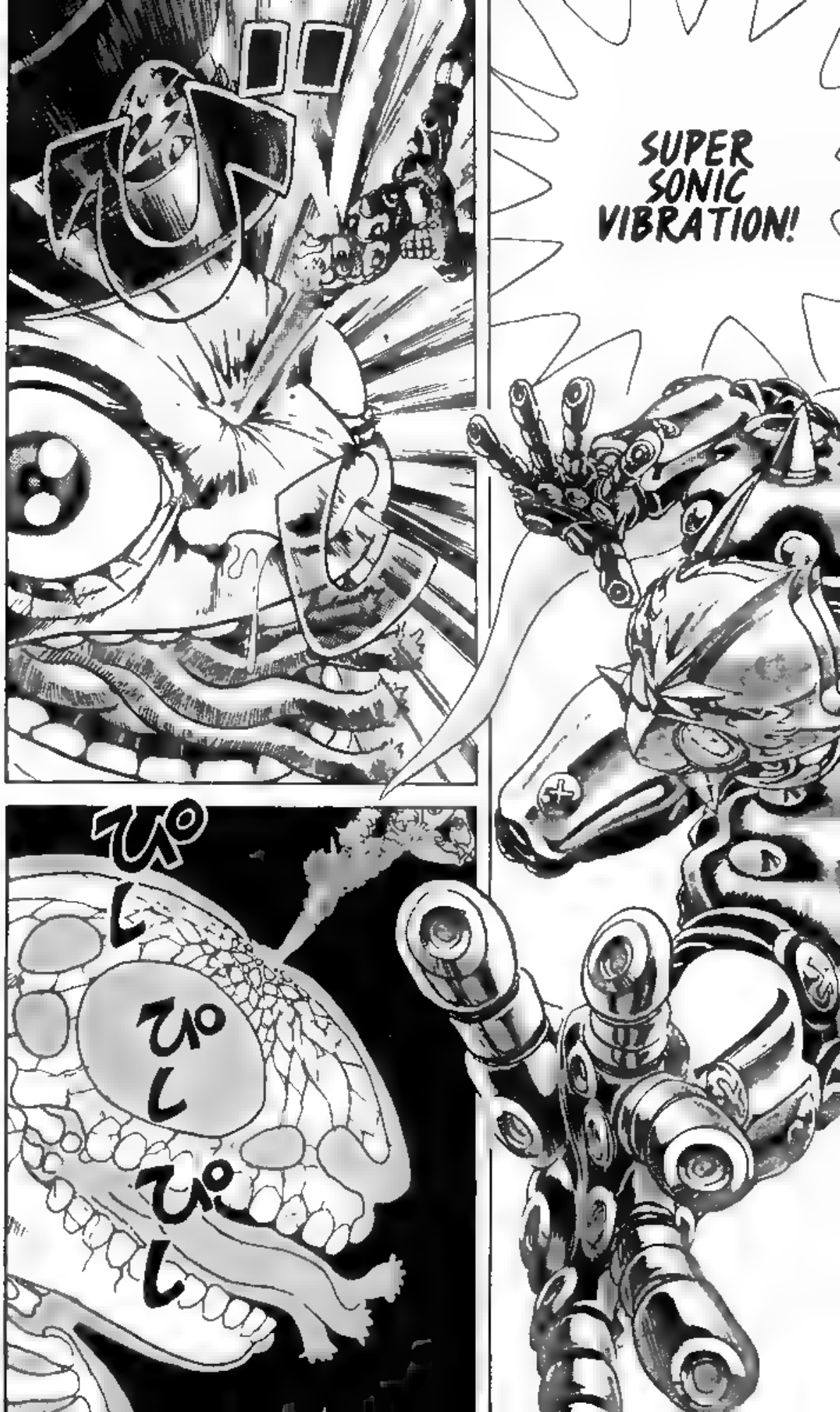

130,000-VOLT ELECTRIC SHOUT!

1-2-3-4.
VOCALS! GO!


VICTORY!

I DON'T NEED NO UNIFORM.
I DON'T NEED NO TEACHER.
I DON'T NEED NO SCHOOL.
AGGH!
バ バ バ バ
DRUM BREAK!
ぶあっ
FUCK MY GPA.
FUCK THE NUCLEAR PLANT.
AAAH!
IT'S AWFUL!
ひぃぃっ

ドゴゴドゴ
10 BILLION BEATS!
ズゴ
AGHH!
CAN GO TO HELL!
ANYTHING THAT OPPRESSES
MY PRECIOUS INDIVIDUALITY
AH!
ULTRA VIOLET WAVE!
ビカッ


SUPER
SONIC
VIBRATION!
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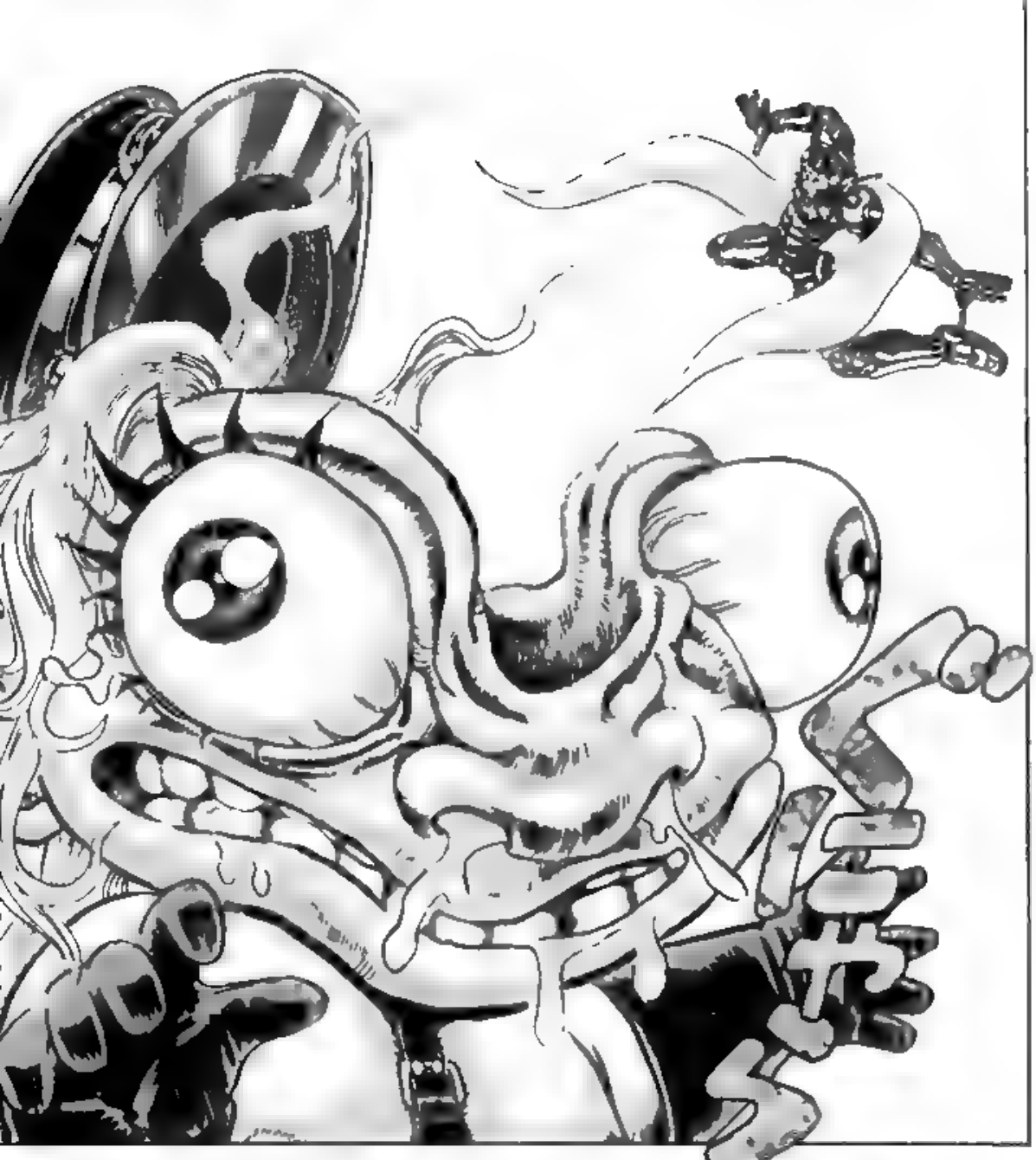
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わあ

ぼちゅ!

AGGGG
SUBLIMATION!
AYE!

WHAT?
WAIT! KAKUGO!
IF YOU USE SUBLIMATION, HIS BODY WILL EXPLODE!
I SEE; THE POWER GENERATOR IS INSIDE HIS BODY!

DEHYDRATION POWDER!
AAH!?

ギエー

キー
IT'S SNOWING!

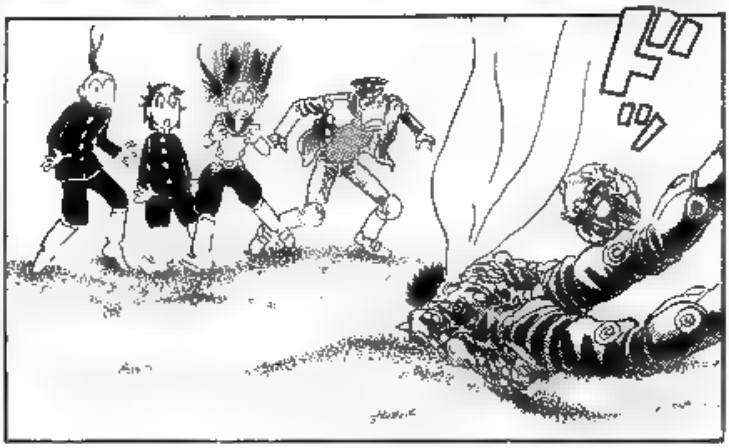
YOU ARE THE ONE THAT WILL GO TO HELL.

ジュウウウ
IT BURNS!

GONE WITH WIND!
HAGAKURE!
カー
!!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?

NO PROBLEM.

HAGAKURE!!

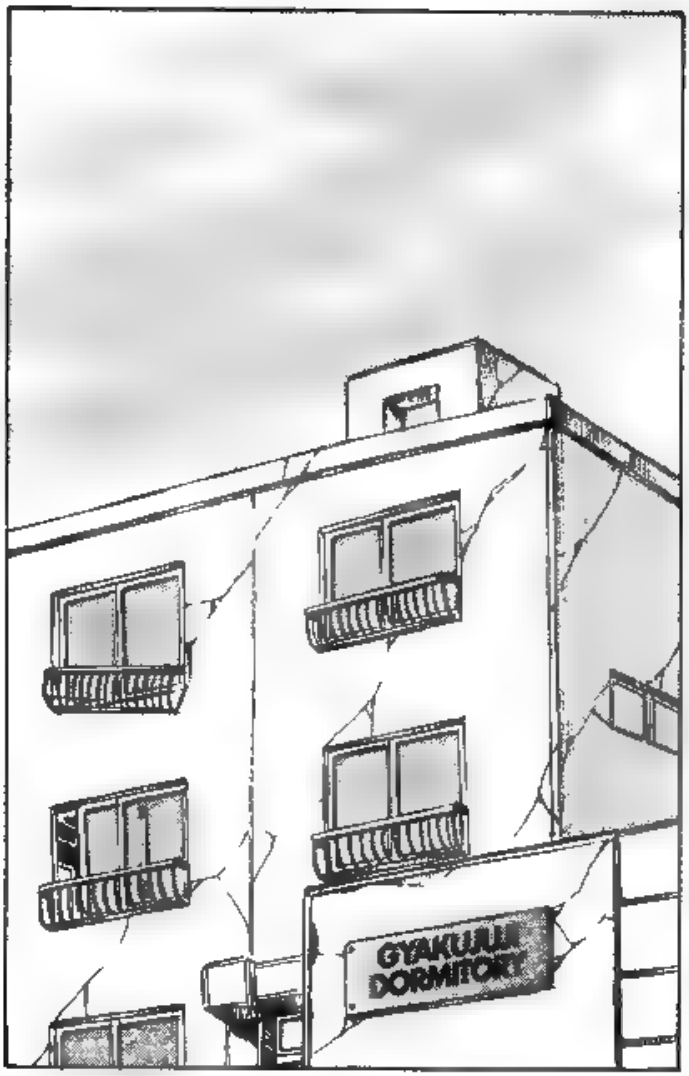


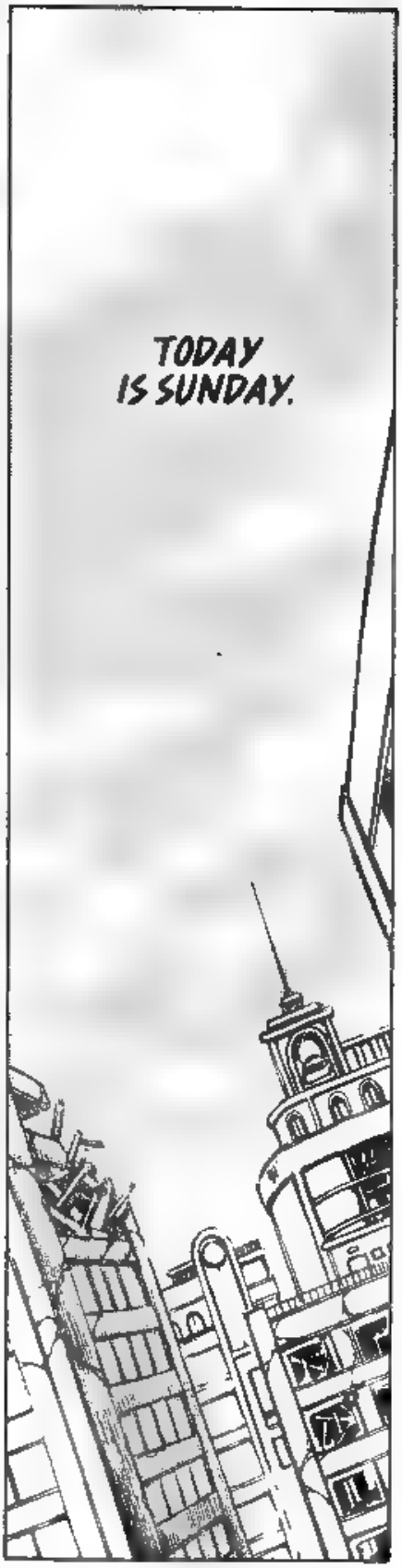
POOR THING! HE'S A WOUNDED WARRIOR.

SO HE IS KAKUGO HAGAKURE ..

I WANT TO TAKE CARE OF HIM!
TACTICAL FIEND
MEGUMI

第二十話
酸性雨
EPISODE TWENTY, ACID RAIN


GYAKUJUJI
DORMITORY


TODAY
IS SUNDAY.

SO THIS
IS IT...

I'M TSUMIKO HORIE. TODAY, I'M VISITING HAGAKURE...
HE WAS INJURED WHILE BATTLING A MONSTER.
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KAKUGO HAGAKURE
どき
どき
ピンポーン
I LOVE YOU, HAGAKURE!
どき
どき
どき

THE HELL?
THERE'S NO ONE HERE.
YES?
ドン
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING, HORIE?
OH!
I'M HERE.
!
I CAME TO SEE IF HE WAS ALL RIGHT!
HEY HAGAKURE! HORIE'S HERE TO HANG OUT WITH US, TOO.
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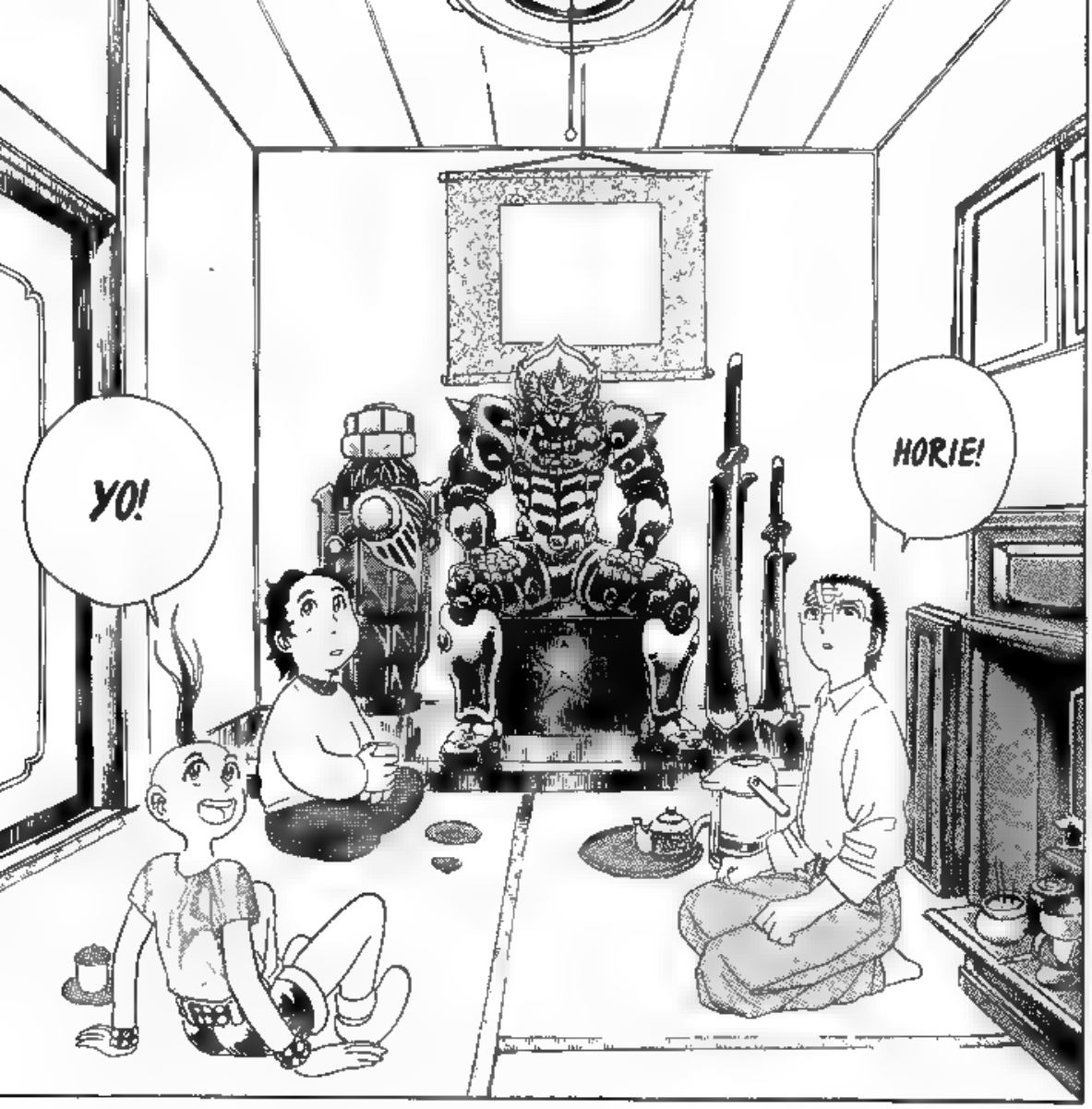
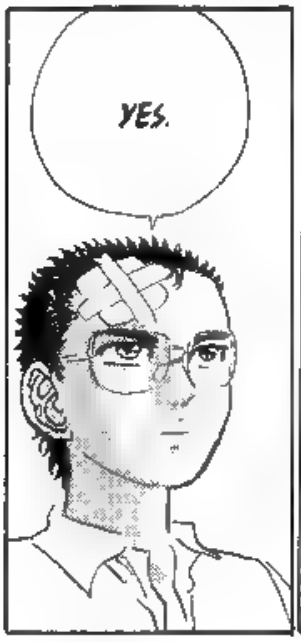

YO!
HORIE!


YES.

ARE YOU FEELING ALL RIGHT NOW?

I-I'M SORRY TO DROP IN ON YOU LIKE THIS.
YOU ARE ALWAYS WELCOME.
ビキ
ビキ

THERE YOU GO.
HE WAS BLEEDING A LOT
じーん
THERE'S NO WAY HE COULD BE OKAY
ジンジン
WHY ARE YOU CRYING? HORIE?
HAGAKURE IS ALWAYS PUSHING HIMSELF TO THE VERY LIMIT...
THANK YOU.
とぼとぼ
CATCH!
ばさっ
I BROUGHT YOU SOMETHING.
I ALMOST FORGOT!
NO NEED TO THROW IT.
ぽい
ばっ

UN-CENSORED
HORSE QUEEN
うわ
JUST CHECK IT OUT!
IT REVEALS THE MYSTERIES OF THE NETHER REGIONS, WITH PUBES AND EVERYTHING.
OOH!
HAGAKURE, WHAT'S THIS ROOM?
AHEM.
AH!
ボラッ
BEHOLD!
WANNA SEE IT?
?

I APOLOGIZE IF IT STARTLED YOU.
H-HAGAKURE, WHAT IS THIS?
IT IS THE SKULL OF THE MONSTER THAT DESTROYED THE SCHOOL POOL THE OTHER DAY.
HE'S ANALYZING IT
THE DORM MANAGER IS GONNA SHIT HIS PANTS WHEN HE SEES THIS.

I WANNA GIRLFRIEND
HAVE YOU EVER KISSED ANYONE?
ONCE, WITH A GOAT
ABOUT A MILLION TIMES, IN MY DREAMS
!!!
WHO'S THERE?
YOU FOUR THINGS

YOU THREE ARE SO HEINOUS, YOU'VE PROBABLY NEVER EVEN HAD A DATE, HAVE YOU?
AND SHE ISN'T WEARING ANY UNDERWEAR!
SHE'S HOT!
WHAT'S THAT?
YOU POOR THINGS!
LET ME DO IT.

IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO...
PLEASE LET ME TAKE CARE OF YOU!
ONE AT A TIME, OKAY?
ARE YOU SERIOUS!?

AH
SHE'S GOT HAIR
C'MON HURRY UP!!
OOH SO THIS IS A WOMAN'S NETHER REGIONS
THIS MUST BE HIS FIRST TIME!

W-W-WHAT!?
MY TURN!
OOH!
I'M GETTING SUCKED IN!

HUH!?

BOOHOO!

ぐすん

I WANT TO DO SOMETHING FOR YOU!
ぱっ
LET ME TAKE CARE OF YOU
ばっ

IT'S GOT METAL SCALES.
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KAKUGO HAGAKURE
YOU CAN'T CUT IT WITH A KNIFE.

FOR REAL?
HE GUTTED IT IN A FLASH!
ガ
I AM EXPERIENCED IN THE USE OF KNIVES.
YOU ARE AMAZING!
HAGAKURE!
BUT THINK ABOUT IT. .
I HATE ACID RAIN.
MAN

IT'S PROBABLY THE CREATION OF SOME MAD SCIENTIST
YOU KNOW WHAT I THINK?
WHERE THE HELL DID THIS MONSTER COME FROM?
ゴルバ
THEN WE'D BETTER FIND THE SCIENTIST
I AGREE.
YEAH.
I MUST TELL THEM THE TRUTH!

H-HELP ME!
WHO IS IT?
THREE MEN VIOLENTLY ATTACKED ME

HEAT RESISTANT IRON HELMET
POLARIZED LIGHT FILTER
LASER DETECTOR
KAKUDO HAGAKURE
ZERO CELL MAINTENANCE DEVICE
SUBMARINE GENERATOR
ZERO FORM IRON BALLS
VITAL SIGN MONITOR
CHEMICAL WEAPON COMPOUND DEVICE
CHEMICAL WEAPON NOZZLE
SCARF OF JUSTICE
HIGH-EXPLOSIVE BOOTS
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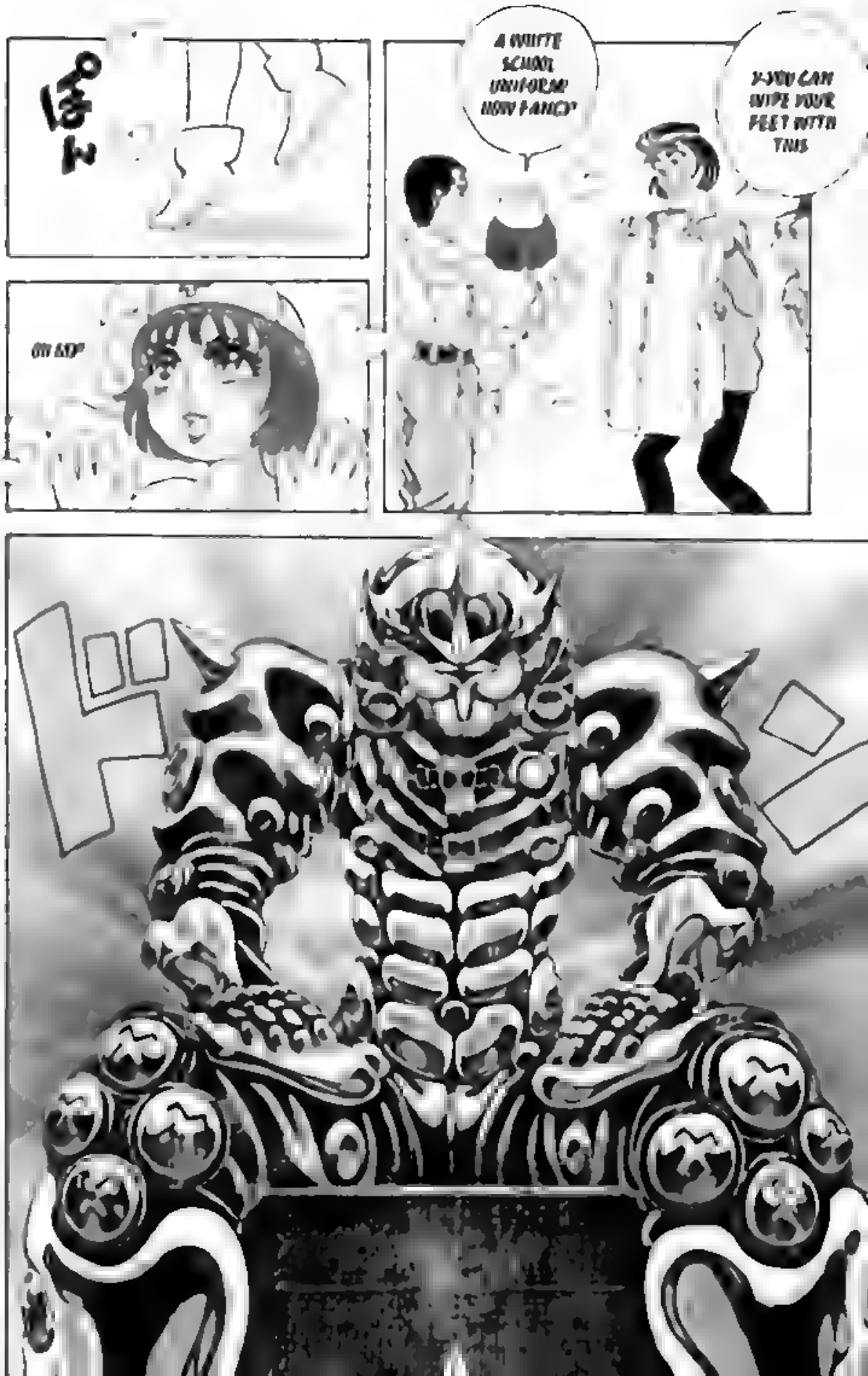
EPISODE TWENTY-ONE, INVASION

AAAAHHH!
DON'T DIE!
HAGRID
AGH AGH

ESPECIALLY YOU! EVERYONE HATED YOU!
PLEASE DON'T DIE!
WE WERE NEVER POPULAR!
WE'VE BEEN FRIENDS SINCE WE WERE KIDS!
AGH AGH...
FINALLY, I GOT TO EXPERIENCE A WOMAN ..
IT WAS WORTH IT...
IT WAS ALL WORTH IT...
YOU IDIOT!
NO!
THAT WAS A MONSTER!
THAT WASN'T A WOMAN AT ALL!

BOO HOO!
WHY DON'T YOU COME INSIDE?
I WAS ATTACKED BY THREE MEN
WILL YOU CARRY POOR MEGUMI INSIDE?
I CAN'T STAND UP!

AH!
WHAT'S GOING ON? HAGAKURE?
GET HER SOME TOWELS IMMEDIATELY.
HI, I'M MEGUMI. NICE TO MEET YOU.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A WHITE SCHOOL UNIFORM HOW FANCY
Y-YOU CAN WIPE YOUR FEET WITH THIS
OH KID

IT'S GOT HIGH ELECTRICITY RUNNING THROUGH IT, SO YOU MUST NOT TOUCH IT
ITS NAME IS "ZERO."
OH MY.
IT'S SO CUTE!
YOU MAY PUT THIS ON.
THIS DOLL IS YOUR LOVER?
YOU POOR THING..
HAGAKURE SLEEPS WITH IT EVERY NIGHT
YOU POOR THING!
THAT'S HIS TOO.
HORSE & QUEEN
OH MY GOD!
HORSE & QUEEN
WHAT'S THIS BOOK?

I WILL GO.
UH
HAGAKURE
I'LL GO TO THE INFIRMARY AND GET SOMEONE.
POOR THING!
I CAN RUN PRETTY FAST!
LEAVE IT TO ME!
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WHAT'S UP WITH HER?
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SOMETHING ISN'T RIGHT ABOUT HER!
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. I DROPPED MY BAG.
WHEN I WAS ATTACKED ...
WHAT'S WRONG?
OH NO..
I'LL SHOW YOU MY NETHER REGIONS.
WILL YOU GO GET IT FOR ME? PLEASE?
THE SHORE OF BLOCK 7.
WHERE WERE YOU ATTACKED?
HEY! WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
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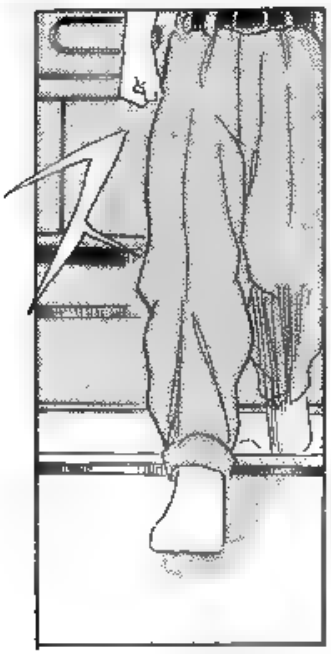
OOOOH!
HAGAKURE .

FINALLY, WE'RE ALONE...

A REAL GIRL FEELS A LOT BETTER THAN YOUR DOLL OR THE MAGAZINE
I'M ALL FOR YOU.



LET ME TAKE CARE OF YOU.

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OW!
AH!
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HOW DARE YOU DISGRACE IT WITH YOUR HINDQUARTERS?
THAT IS WHERE I COOK MY FOOD...
!? !?

HAGAKURE, DON'T BE SO ALOOF.
YOU POOR THING
THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU HAVE DONE!
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MY HEART CANNOT BE SWAYED BY SUCH CRUDE SEDUCTION.
BOO HOO!

GH!
WHAT IS THIS PINK STEAM?
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WHAT HAPPENED?
MEGUMI!
ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
IT'S MAKING ME DIZZY!
SOB SOB

!
HANG ON!
EROTIC ANESTHESIA BREATH
BECAUSE ...
WHAT!?
WH--

A TACTICAL FIEND!!
I CAN'T LET YOU BE LONELY.

HOW COULD I BE SO CARELESS?
IT TRANSFORMED FROM HUMAN FORM!!

...DOUBLE MISSILES!
Z-CUP TITTIES ..
ZERO!

PREPARE TO BE INTERCEPTED!

EPISODE TWENTY-TWO, ACCELERATION

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LET ME TAKE CARE OF YOU
I CAN'T LET YOU BE LONELY
YOU HAVE SUCH A TWISTED RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR DOLL
YOU POOR THING!
SUPER SONIC VIBRATION
Z CUP TITTIES DOUBLE MISSILES!

AAAAH

SUPER SONIC VIBRATION HAS NO EFFECT!?

HAGAKURE, YOU'RE SOOO GOOD.
THAT MADE ME TINGLY ALL OVER.
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DOCTOR! HURRY UP!
THEN SHE'LL BE FINE.
HAGAKURE AND HIS FRIENDS ARE WITH HER, RIGHT?
DON'T WORRY, PEOPLE DON'T DIE FROM JUST BEING RAPED
BUT–
DON'T RUN SO FAST, TSUMIKO.
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IT CAME FROM GYAKUJUJI DORM.
WHAT WAS THAT?
THERE'S SOMETHING STRANGE ABOUT THIS MEGUMI WOMAN.
BUT–
BESIDES, SHE'S TOTALLY SHOWING HER PANTIES!

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HE DOESN'T KNOW WHAT TO DO WITH A WOMAN.
POOR THING...

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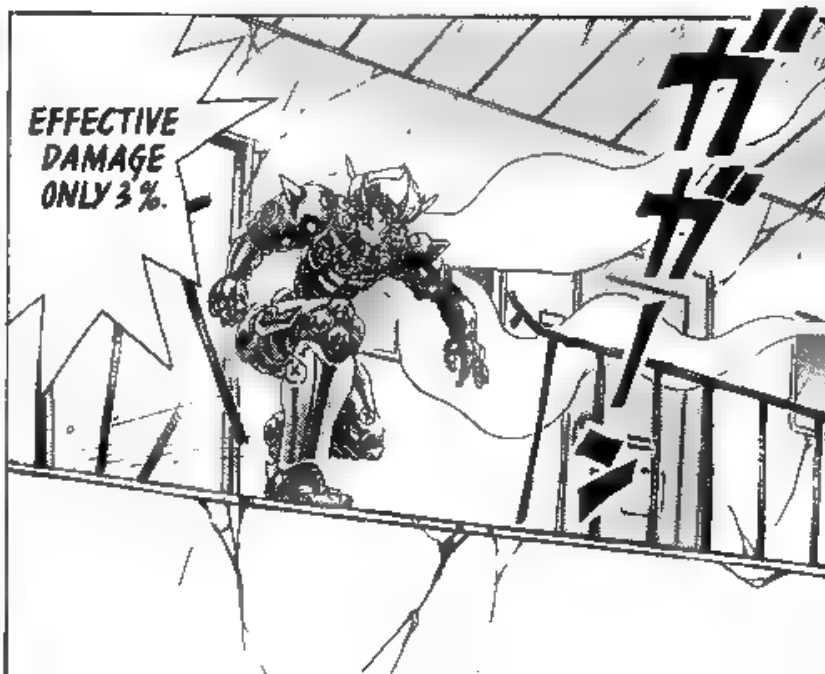
IT'S JUST BECAUSE


EFFECTIVE DAMAGE ONLY 3%.
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A CEPHALOPOD!
MY ENTIRE BODY IS ONE BIG HONEY POT.
A GOOD POUNDING IS JUST WHAT I LIKE.

AN ABSOLUTE CATASTROPHE!
IN THIS WEATHER, USING CHEMICAL WEAPON WOULD ONLY CAUSE.

STRIKE ME HARDER!
SUBLIMATION COULD BLOW HER UP IN A FLASH
HOWEVER, HER HAIR MIGHT CATCH FIRE AND BE SCATTERED IN ALL DIRECTIONS!

THEN..

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THERE IS NO OTHER WAY THAN TO SLICE IT.

POOR THINGS...
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SO THIS IS WHAT YOU'RE INTO, HUH?
HAGAKURE ...
SLICE ME AS MANY TIMES YOU'D LIKE!
I'M OKAY WITH IT!

AAAH!
WHAT'S GOING ON?
SHE IS LIKE A SALAMANDER!
HOW CAN DEFEAT THIS CREATURE

THE CUTS ARE TOO CLEAN!

I CAN'T LET HIM BE LONELY!

CLEAN CUTS ALLOW HER TO HEAL!
I UNDER STAND!

HE IS TALKING TO HIMSELF
POOR THING

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WHERE'S MEGUMI'S BAG?
MAN, WE'RE GONNA LOSE OUR HAIR FROM THE ACID RAIN
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Y-YOU WANNA FIGHT?
YOU!
HAOKA!
MY SWEET MEGUMI...
DID I?.
DID YOU GUYS SEE A WOMAN?
THIS ISN'T THE TIME!
UH-HUH
DID SHE LOOK LIKE THIS?

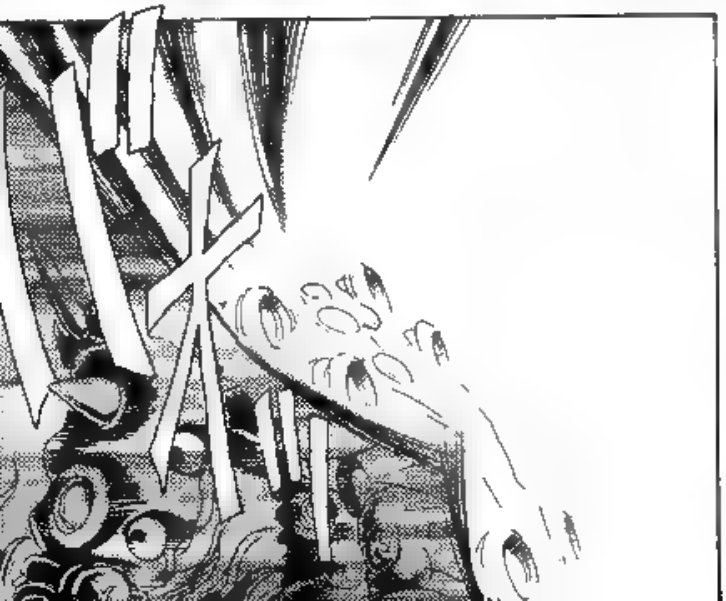
WHAT!!
THE WOMAN IS A MAN-EATER!
SHE ATE HAGUKI!
HERE I COME!

PROPULSIVE ENERGY JET!
!
HE'S DRIVING HER DOWN WITH HIS JET BLAST!
CHECK IT OUT!
IT HURTS!

THE REASON YOU TRY TO COMFORT OTHERS IS FOR YOUR OWN SATISFACTION.
INDEED IT DOES!
TAKING CARE OF OTHERS SOMETIMES BRINGS ITS OWN PAIN.

IT'S HER VOICE...

WOOHOO
TSUMIKO, WHAT'S GOING ON OVER THERE?



IT'S JUST BECAUSE

ACCELERATED DECAY!
REST IN PEACE!
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AH... AH...
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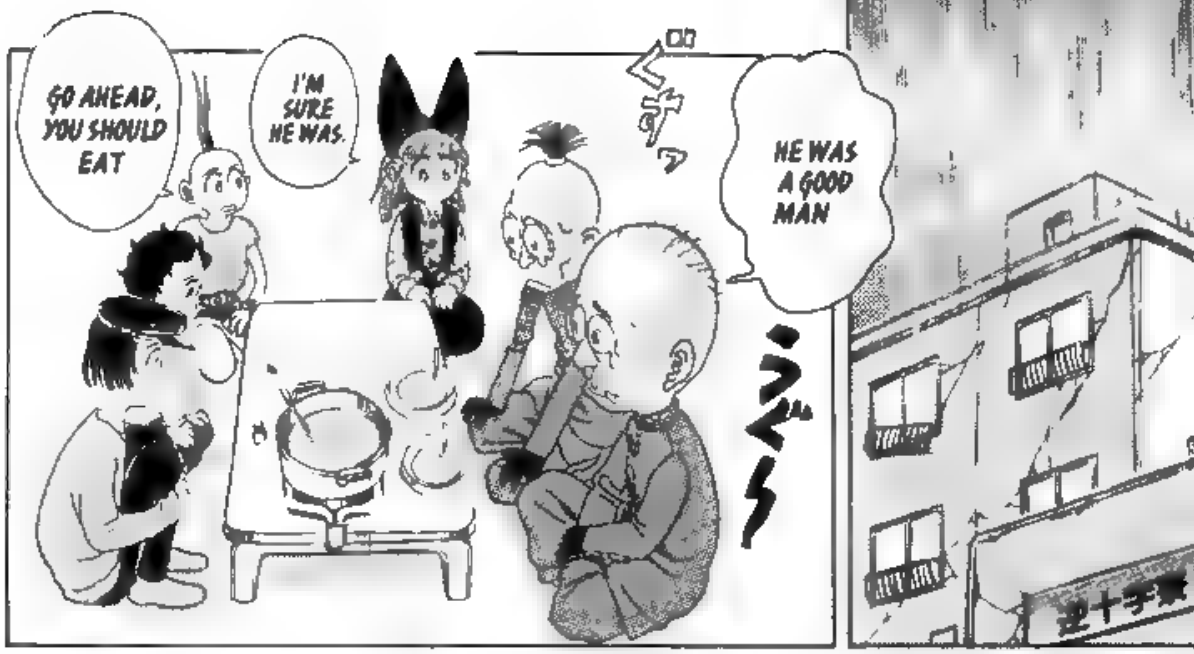
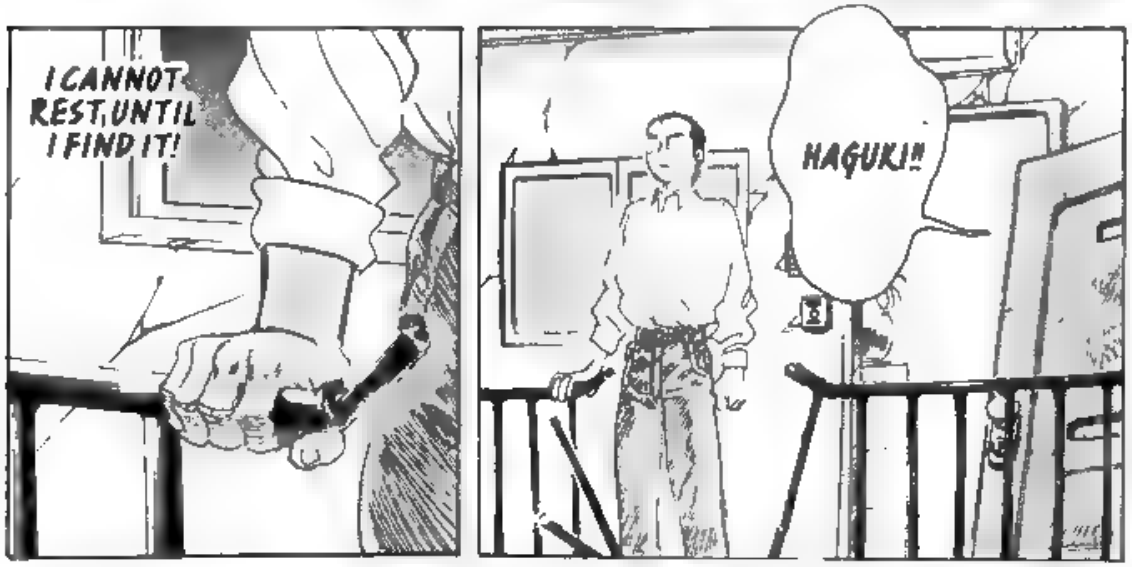

GO AHEAD, YOU SHOULD EAT
I'M SURE HE WAS.
HE WAS A GOOD MAN

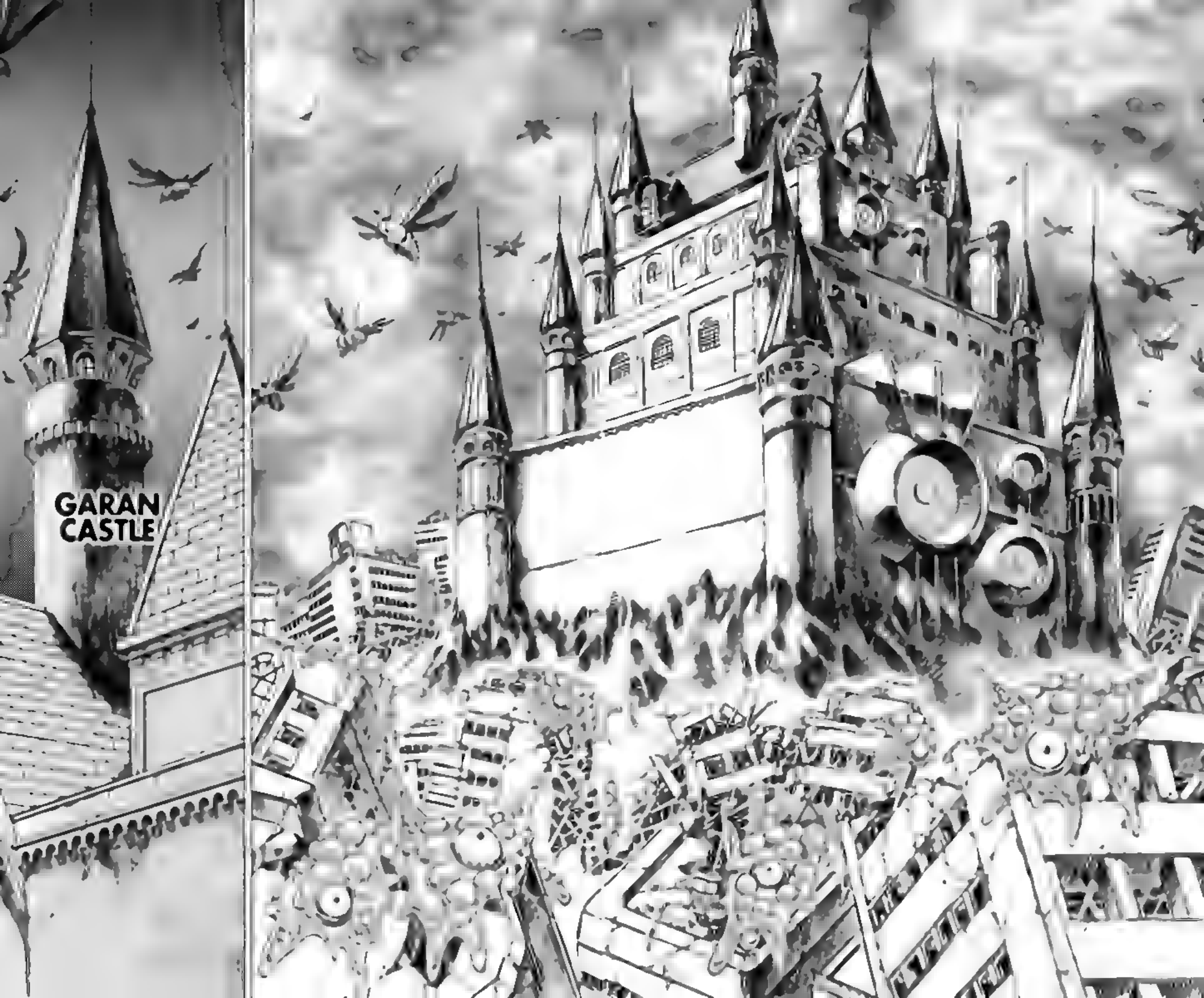

I CANNOT REST UNTIL I FIND IT!
HAGUKI!!

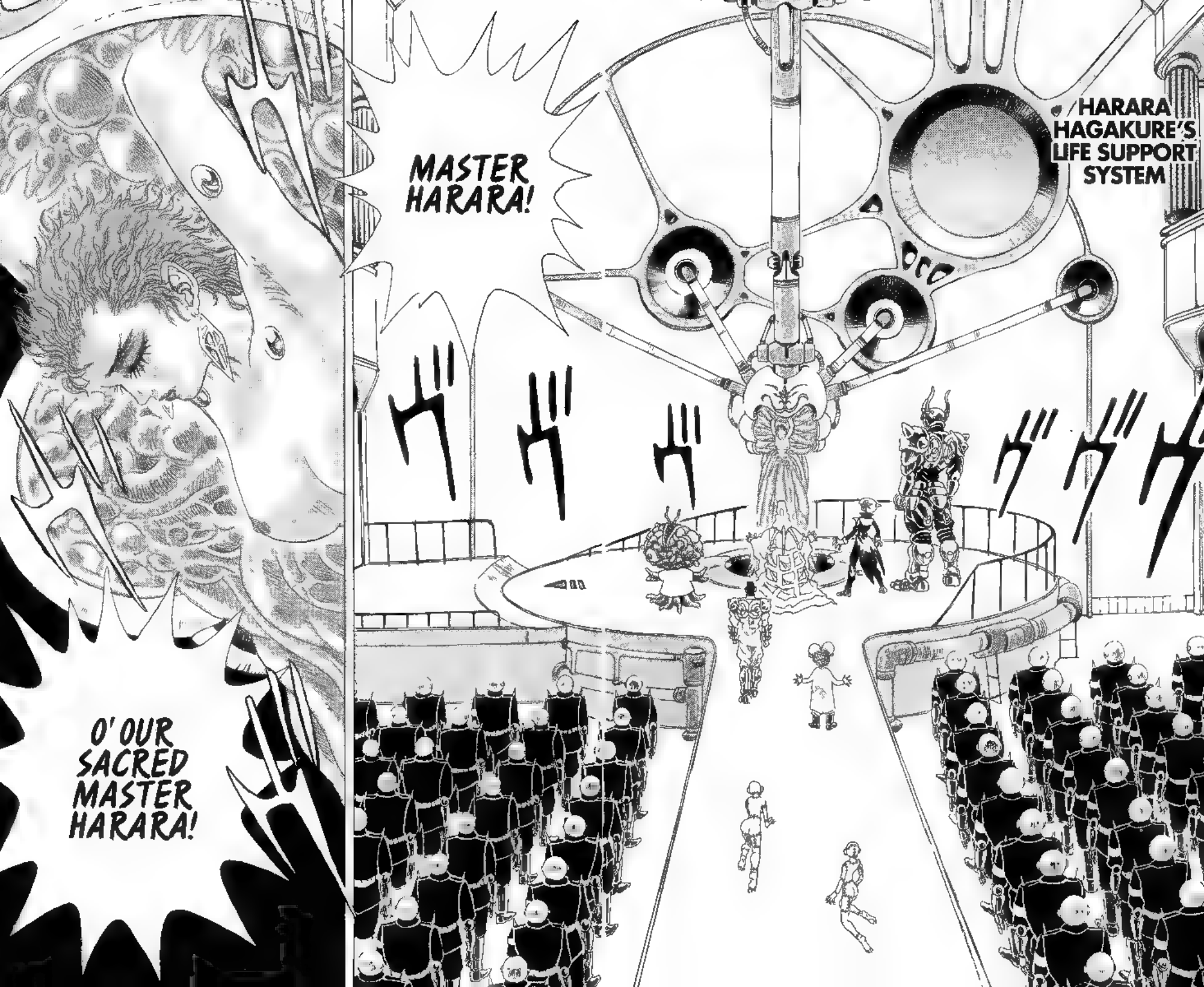
THEIR HEADQUARTERS!

EPISODE TWENTY-THREE, REFLECTION
第二十三話　玉画再生

SHIFTS IN THE EARTH'S CRUST THAT OCCURRED OVER THREE YEARS IN THE BEGINNING OF THE 21ST CENTURY DESTROYED MANY LIVES AND CIVILIZATION ALL OVER THE WORLD

NEO TOKYO
SECTION 13
CAUSING ELECTRONICS TO MALFUNCTION!
IN THE STRATOSPHERE, THE IMAGE OF THE GIANT MOTHS' WINGS INTERFERES WITH ELECTROMAGNETIC WAVES!
IT'S ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE FOR HUMANS TO LIVE IN SECTION 13!
IN THE FLYING CARGO CRICK ROACHES TRAMPLE EVERYTHING ELSE! ANYTHING THAT MOVES IN THEIR PATH!


GARAN
CASTLE


MASTER HARARA!
HARARA HAGAKURE'S LIFE SUPPORT SYSTEM
O' OUR SACRED MASTER HARARA!

SHINE UPON US WITH YOUR BEAUTIFUL EYES LIKE THE NEWLY RISEN SUN.
CONSUL-KAGENARI

LEAD US WITH THE SERENE VOICE OF YOURS THAT BRIGHTENS THE DARKEST NIGHT
TACTICAL FIEND GANG LEADER — CHIDOKURO

ARAHITO-ONI HARARA

MANY AFFAIRS ARE WAITING FOR YOUR JUDGMENT!
MASTER HARARA, YOU ARE ETERNAL!
PLEASE AWAKEN!
MASTER HARARA, YOU ARE THE MASTER OF ALL THINGS!
GIVE US YOUR JUDGMENT!
MASTER HARARA! GIVE US YOUR JUDGMENT!
GARAN CASTLE GUARDS - KIDOUGAI SQUAD

MASTER KASUMI, TOO, IS WAITING FOR YOUR RETURN!
FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL - KASUMI

AS I EXPECTED, THE BATTLE WITH HIM WAS VICIOUS
MASTER HARARA
I AM AFRAID THAT MASTER HARARA'S SOUL IS NEARLY PASSING THE OTHER SIDE
IT HAS ALREADY BEEN 34 DAYS AND 7 HOURS SINCE MASTER HARARA LOST CONSCIOUSNESS ..
HEAD OF SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH - GALILEO
AS A MATTER OF FACT, MASTER HARARA'S VITAL SIGNS ARE STRONG
INDEED!
CASTLE DOCTOR - BLOB
RIDICULOUS!
CAPTAIN OF THE GUARDS - BOLT

NO NEED TO WORRY!
LOOK! THAT DEEP WOUND IN HIS LEFT SIDE IS COMPLETELY HEALED!
H-HOWEVER!
MASTER HARARA'S MIND IS WITH THE WIND!
HIS MAJESTY IS TREATING THIS ORDEAL LIKE A PILGRIMAGE
ADVISOR - TOMOHISA
LORD TOMOHISA!

...WE MUST CARRY OUT HIS WILL AND EXECUTE HIS PLANS!
EVEN WITHOUT MASTER HARARA'S DIRECT ORDER...
AT TIMES LIKE THESE
LOOK! THIS IS THE WILL OF MASTER HARARA!
BRING FORTH
HIS REFLECTION!
OOOOH!!

MASTER HARARA!

I AM AN INDOMITABLE POWER THAT TRANSCENDS GOOD AND EVIL!
I AM NOT HUMAN!
IT IS TO MAKE THIS DYING EARTH THE PLACE FOR ALL THINGS TO BECOME ONE!
MY DREAM IS ONE AND ONE ONLY!

WHEN THE LIFE ENERGY OF THE UNIVERSE IS PURE AND THE MORNING MIST CLEARS, ALL THINGS WILL BECOME ONE!
THE EARTH, PLANTS, ALL OF YOU, WATER, LIGHT AND BREEZE!
THERE IS ONLY ONE THING WE HAVE TO DO TO ACHIEVE THIS!

THE ANNIHILATION OF MANKIND!
THEY WHO OPPRESSED YOU ALL!
THE TWO-LEGGED MONSTERS THAT BRUTALLY DESTROY MUTE NATURE.
NO NEED FOR MANKIND!

DID YOU HEAR THE VOICE OF MASTER HARARA?
CERTAINLY!
WE ARE THE INDOMITABLE WARLORDS SELECTED BY MASTER HARARA!
WE ARE NOT HUMAN!
KILL!
KILL!
WE MUST SHOW MANKIND NO MERCY!

WE MUST HAVE NO MERCY!
WE MUST SHOW NO MERCY TO KAKUGO HAGAKURE!

EPISODE TWENTY-FOUR: WARLORDS

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IMPACT!

IMPACT!

SUPER
SONIC
VIBRATION

DEHYDRATION POWDER!

○ KAKUGO HAGAKURE (DEHYDRATION) POWDER
● DOGUMAGURO
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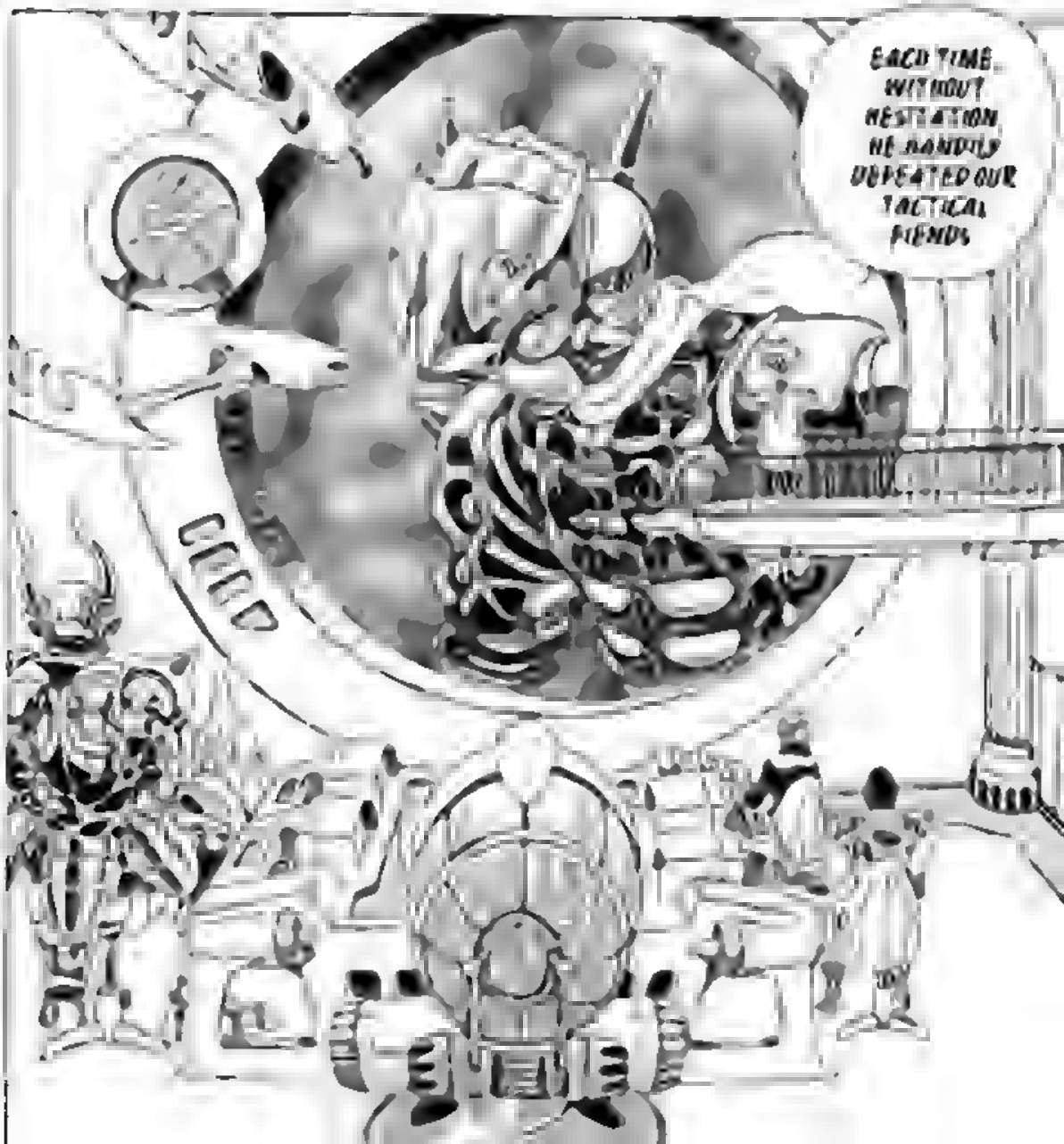
KAKUGO HAGAKURE (ACCELERATED DECAY)
MEGUMI

THESE ARE THE RESULTS OF THE BATTLES OF BARUDO NAGALORE


EACH TIME, WITHOUT HESITATION HE HANDILY DEFEATED OUR TACTICAL FIENDS

MORE FEARSOME YET IS THE ARMOR HE WEARS.
FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL "ZERO"
THE COUNTERSTRIKE HE CALLS IMPACT BEARS THE MARK OF AN ENLIGHTENED WARRIOR.
KAKUGO HAGAKURE IS A FORCE TO BE RECKONED WITH
OF ALL THINGS IN THIS WORLD, THIS MAN IS THE BIGGEST THREAT TO US
THIS IS NOT THE TIME TO BE INTIMIDATED!
HE MUST BE ELIMINATED!
IF WE SENT FOUR TACTICAL FIENDS OF DOGUMAGURO'S LEVEL AT ONCE...
FOUR TACTICAL FIENDS!
...BOTH KAKUGO AND ZERO WOULD BE BEATEN BEYOND RECOGNITION!

WHY WOULD WE, THE CHOSEN ONES, NEED SUPERIOR NUMBERS TO DEFEAT A MERE A HUMAN?
I WILL FIGHT HIM!
WAIT! BOLT!
MASTER HARARA WOULD NEVER HAVE APPROVED OF SUCH A PLAN!
NONSENSE!
W-WHAT?

YOUR DUTY IS TO GUARD GARAN CASTLE
RA!!

HOWEVER IT IS I WHO WILL SLAY KAKUGO HAGAKURE!
I HAVE COMPLETE CONFIDENCE YOU CAN

I WILL DISPATCH HIM QUICKLY.

I BEG TO DIFFER!

IT IS A BAD MATCH FOR YOUR COMBAT STYLE!
HE WEARS THE STEEL ARMOR CALLED ZERO!

OOH!

ABSORB!
ZERO FORM IRON BALLS
MASTER HARARA HAS GRANTED ME THESE..
21 PIECES OF INDOMITABLE RESOLVE!
OH! THE IRON BALLS ARE BEING SUCKED INTO HIS BODY..
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GYAKUJUJI SCHOOL
NEO TOKYO SECTION 04
WHO'S NEXT?
COME ON!
HAGAKURE
葉隠
GET A HIT!
HAGAKURE!

HAGAKURE, YOU CAN'T STAND THERE.
NEVER.
HAGAKURE!
HEH HEH!
I BET YOU'VE NEVER PLAYED BASEBALL, HAVE YOU?
THAT'S BETTER.
HOW ABOUT HERE?
HEH HEH .
GH!
EAT THIS!
HE'S GONNA HIT THE NEXT ONE
HAOKA'S A BIG GUY, AND HE SURE CAN THROW HARD
STRIKE!

HMMM
TSUMIKO, I DON'T THINK HAGAKURE KNOWS HOW BASEBALL WORKS.
STRIKE TWO!
YOU CAN'T EVEN TOUCH MY MACH 500 FASTBALL, HUH?
HA-HA!
HAGAKURE, THAT'S NOT HOW YOU PLAY BASEBALL!
I KNEW IT...
YOU HAVEN'T EVEN COME CLOSE TO HITTING ME.
WHERE ARE YOU AIMING?
DON'T PLAY DUMB, HAGAKURE!
?
YOU HAVE TO HIT THE BALL! OR YOU'LL LOSE!
HAGAKURE!
掘江
山田

I KNOW YOU JUST CAN'T SEE MY MACH 900!
IMPACT!

THE BALL EXPLODED..
HAGAKURE! THAT'S ENOUGH HITTING FOR YOU!
THAT WAS OUR LAST BALL!
YOU IDIOT!
DON'T FREAKING IMPACT THE BALL!
I, TSUMIKO HORIE, LIKE IMPACT MORE THAN A HOMERUN!
I DON'T CARE
TSUMIKO.. HE SUCKS AT BASEBALL BIG TIME
UNDERSTOOD
FROM NOW ON, YOU RIDE THE BENCH!

R... CAP
TRANSFORM 10 PT. OF THE HUMAN SKIN INTO METAL
21 ZERO FORM IRON BALLS WILL
NGH!
OOH!

INDOMITABLE!
MY BODY HAS NOW BECOME...
ZERO FORM
IRON BALLS
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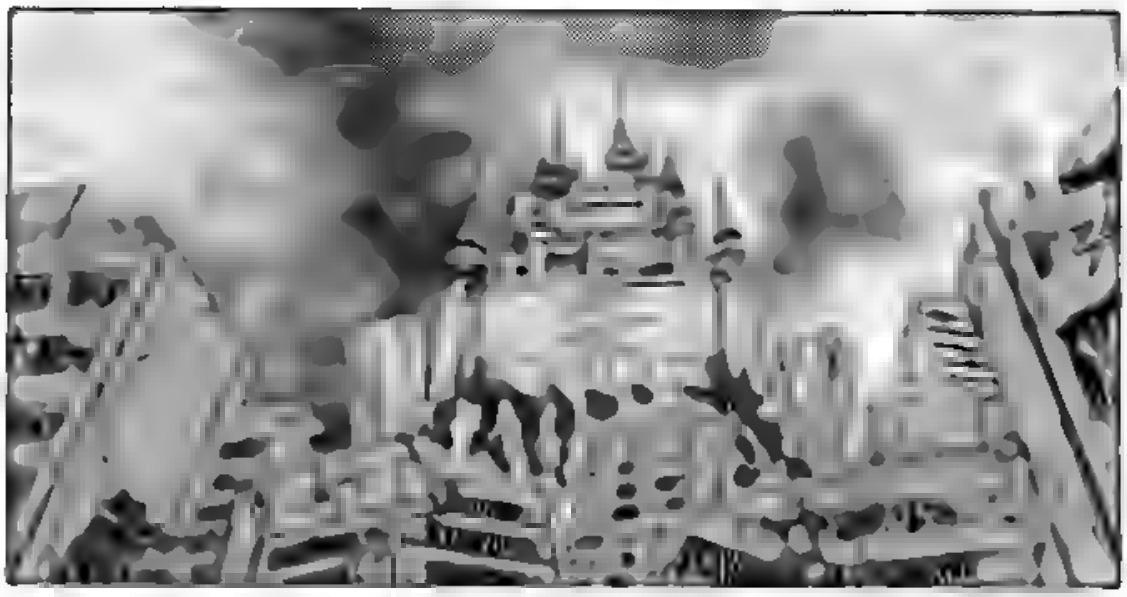
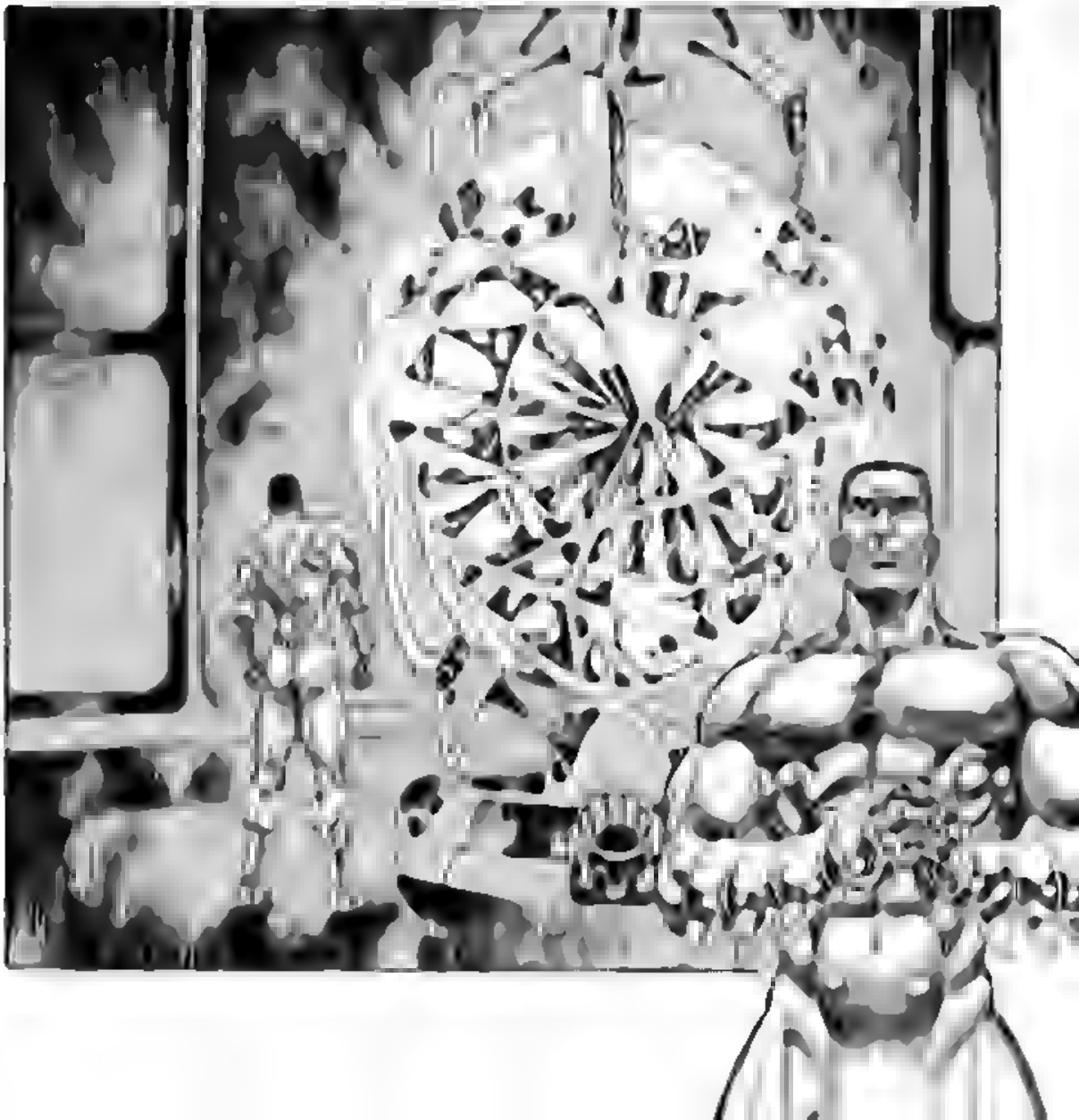
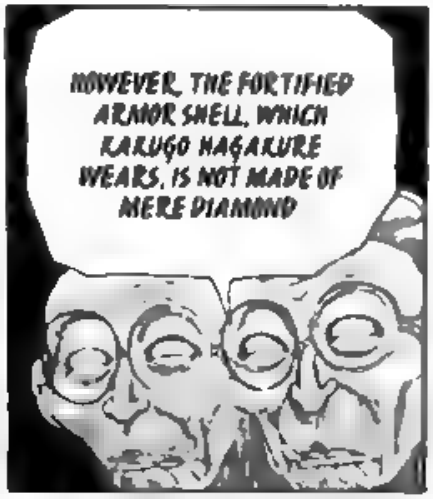




YET, AGAINST MASTER RAI'S POWER, IT SHATTERS LIKE GLASS.
DIAMOND MAY BE THE HARDEST MINERAL KNOWN BY MAN

OUTSTANDING!

MAKES NO DIFFERENCE
WHATEVER IT'S MADE OF


HOWEVER, THE FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL, WHICH KARUGO HAGAKURE WEARS, IS NOT MADE OF MERE DIAMOND

LET'S SEE YOU PROVE IT!

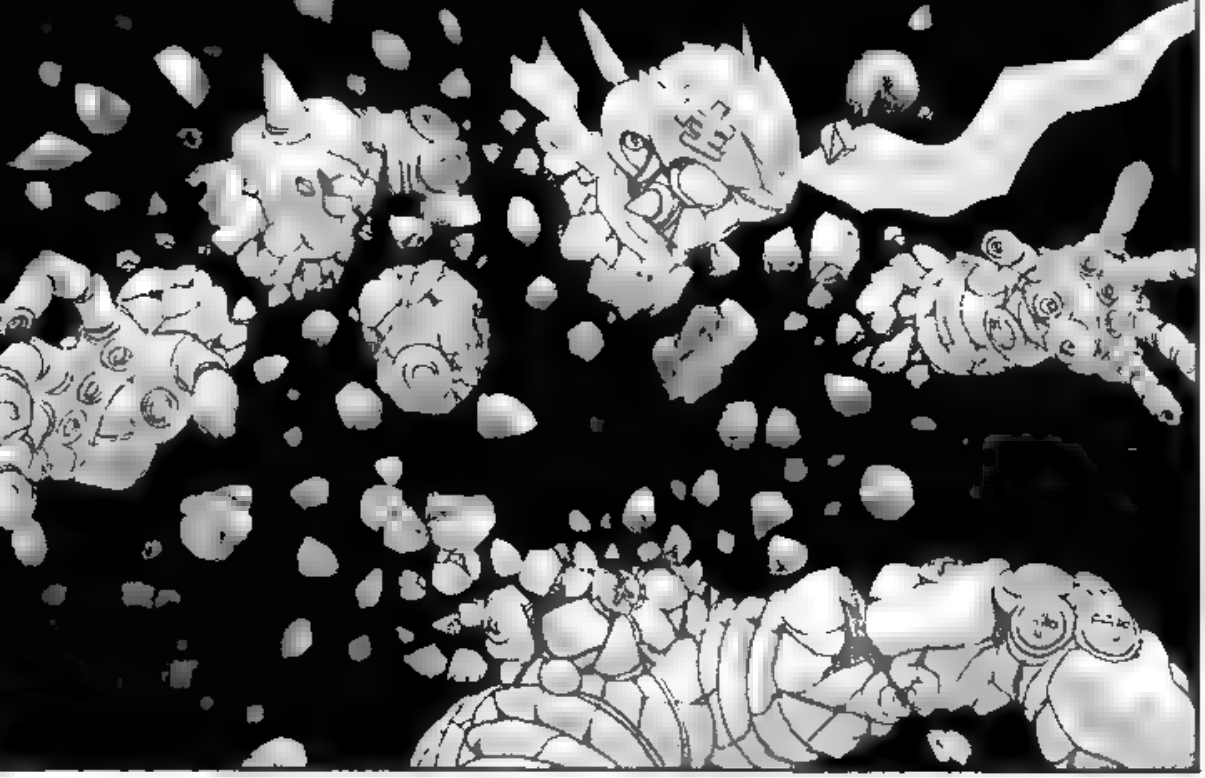
WHAT IS THIS?
CAN YOU CRUSH IT?
IT IS THE SAME METAL AS THAT OF THE FORTIFIED ARMOR SUITS!
A MALLEABLE TITANIUM ALLOY IS YOU WILL!
OF COURSE!

!?

ITS ELASTICITY IS LIKE NO OTHER METAL
AMAZING FLEXIBILITY
IT DISPERSES THE IMPACT AS IT CHANGES ITS SHAPE
HAGGH
EVEN WITH YOUR POWER, IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO BREACH
IT CAN ENDURE CLOSE RANGE SHOTS FROM A GATLING GUN
NOT A PROBLEM

OBSERVE!
MASTER RAY! EVEN IF YOU HAVE TURNED YOUR SKIN INTO METAL ARMOR, IT IS STILL NO MATCH FOR THE MALLEABILITY OF ARMOR SHELL ZERO!

INSTANT FREEZING LIQUID!



SO THAT AN IMMEDIATE ATTACK WILL CRUSH A 90 CM-THICK SLAB INTO PIECES...
FREEZING IT WILL INCREASE ITS RIGIDITY...

I OWE IT ALL TO MASTER HARARA.

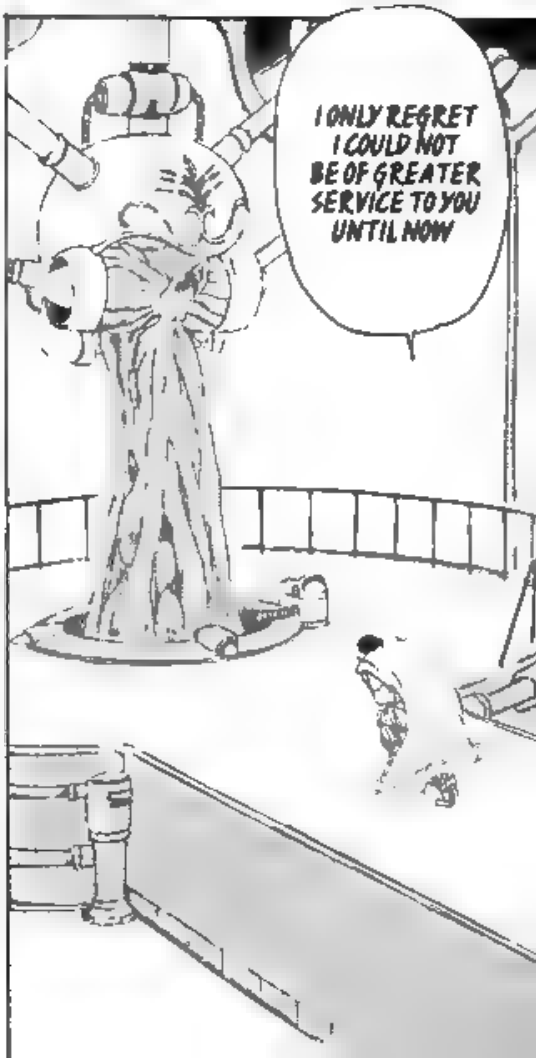
I CAN VISUALIZE HIS DEATH!
A FORTIFIED ARMOR SHELL IS LESS THAN 7 MM THICK, IT IS PAPER COMPARED TO THIS!

I AM UNWORTHY OF YOUR GENEROSITY
THE SHINING METAL BALLS THAT ARE IMBEDDED INTO YOUR BODY .
THEY SHINE LIKE THE PURE WHITE STARS OF THE WINTER SKY
THE REASON I PLEDGED ETERNAL LOYALTY TO YOU .
WAS NOT FROM AWE OF YOUR BEAUTY, A BEAUTY THAT TRANSCENDS ALL THINGS IN THE UNIVERSE

I COMMIT MYSELF UNTO DEATH TO DEFENDING YOUR DREAM. THAT IS MY DESTINY

NOTHING IS MORE BEAUTIFUL THAN MASTER HARARA'S DREAM
IF ANYONE IS TO STAND IN MASTER HARARA'S WAY

I MUST LEAVE


I ONLY REGRET I COULD NOT BE OF GREATER SERVICE TO YOU UNTIL NOW

AND MEET MY FATE!

MASTER RAI WILL SURELY WIN.
ITS USE HAS A 170% CHANCE OF SUCCESS.
INSTANT FREEZING LIQUID!
FOOL!

H-HOWEVER, WITH MASTER RAI'S SKILL.

THE TWO ARE WELL MATCHED!
KAKUGO AND RAI ARE AT THE SAME LEVEL!

...WHILE RAI SHOOTS HIS COOLING LIQUID AT RIM?
DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT KAKUGO HAGAKURE WILL JUST STAND AND WATCH.

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SUICIDE ATTACK

THERE IS ONLY ONE PATH TO VICTORY FOR A TRUE WARLORD IN A BATTLE LIKE THIS.
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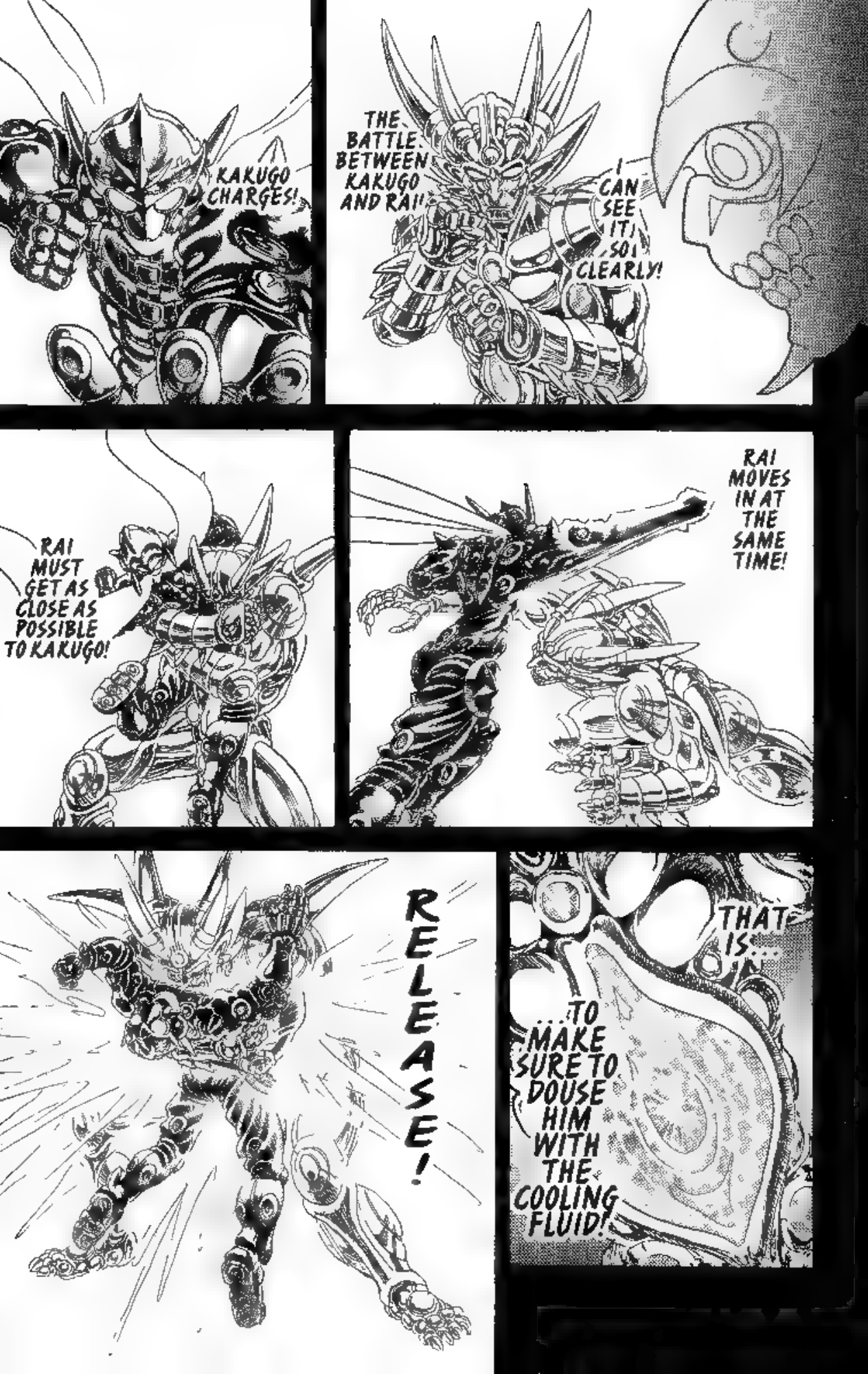
KAKUGO CHARGES!
THE BATTLE BETWEEN KAKUGO AND RAI!
I CAN SEE IT! SO CLEARLY!
RAI MUST GET AS CLOSE AS POSSIBLE TO KAKUGO!
RAI MOVES IN AT THE SAME TIME!
RELEASE!
THAT IS...
...TO MAKE SURE TO DOUSE HIM WITH THE COOLING FLUID!

AT THAT VERY MOMENT, WARLORD RAI WILL KILL HIMSELF WITH KAKUGO.
THE LIQUID WILL FREEZE BOTH OF THEM!
DETONATE!
AND THAT IS SUICIDE ATTACK!
EEEK!

I SHALL RETURN MASTER NOBUNAGA'S KINDNESS WITH MY LIFE!
NOTHING IS MORE DESERVING THAN THIS!

WARLORD RAI SHALL TAKE THE FIELD!

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EPISODE TWENTY-SIX, CRIMSON

GYAKUJUJI
SCHOOL

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I'M GONNA START THE CLASS, SO MAKE SURE YOU TAKE NOTES.
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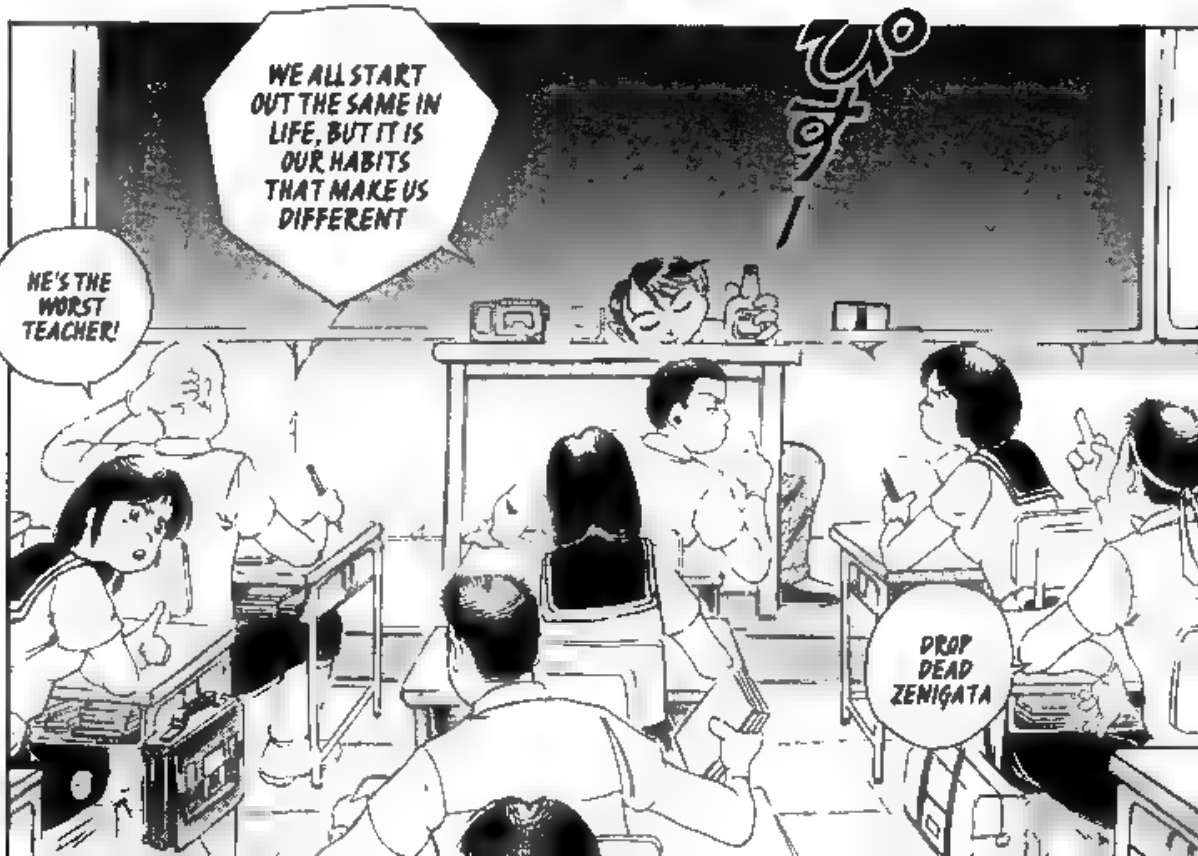
LISTEN UP, YOU KIDS.


WE ALL START OUT THE SAME IN LIFE, BUT IT IS OUR HABITS THAT MAKE US DIFFERENT
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HE'S THE WORST TEACHER!
DROP DEAD ZENIGATA

SOMETHING'S DIFFERENT..
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By Tsumiko
HMMM
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I DON'T THINK HE'S IN THE MOOD...
MAYBE I SHOULD ASK HAGAKURE WHAT HE THINKS OF IT
NICE!
OOH!
PONTA
ZERO WAS COOLER THAN THIS.
HMM ..
PONTA, LET ME SEE YOURS.

ZENIGATA'S CLASS IS SO BORING, I WANNA KILL MYSELF
THERE ARE MANY SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT, BUT NONE OF THEM CAN CREATE A NEW TYPE OF PERSON.
CHECK THIS OUT, HORIE
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HAGAKURE, COME ON, ENGAGE!
I WANT SOME EXCITEMENT, YOU KNOW?
IT'S LIKE.
WHAT THE!?
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WHAT THE FUCK IS THAT?
AAAH!

IDENTIFY YOURSELF!

A MONSTER!
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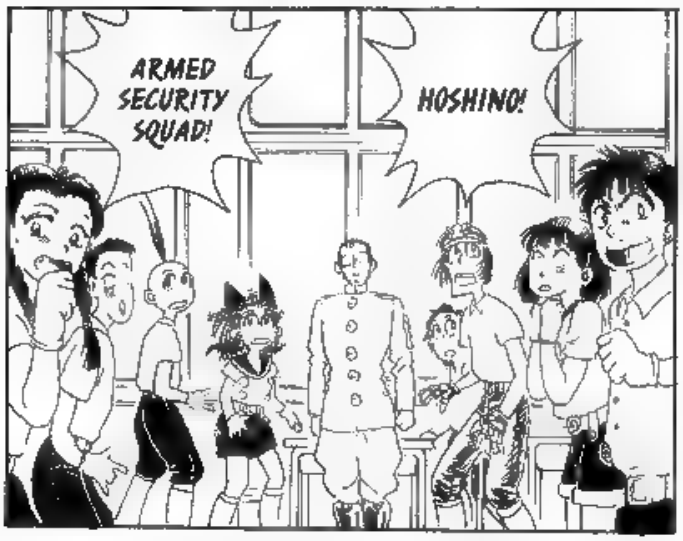
MY NAME IS RAI!
LOOK AT HIS BODY!
WHAT THE HELL IS HE?
HE MUST BE THE BOSS OF THOSE MONSTERS!
I KNOW!
I WILL AWAIT YOU AT THE EDGE OF NEO TOKYO!
TONIGHT, WHEN THE MOON IS HIGH...

NO!
AAAH!
!!
HAGAKURE!
IT WAS A HOLOGRAM.
HE'S GONE!

...AND NOW HE'S HERE TO GET HIS REVENGE!
YOU KILLED HIS HENCHMEN .
HE'S GOTTA BE THE BOSS OF THOSE MONSTERS.
THIS ISN'T GOOD


ARMED SECURITY SQUAD!
HOSHINO!

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HAGAKURE!

IT'S FINALLY THE TIME FOR THE DECISIVE BATTLE!
ALL STUDENTS, TAKE ARMS
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WE MUST PREPARE OUR DEFENSE IMMEDIATELY!
DID YOU HEAR THE THREAT?

IF I GO TO THE APPOINTED PLACE, IT WILL BE SETTLED.
THAT CHALLENGE WAS DIRECTED AT ME.
GET A HOLD YOURSELF. YOU ARE AGITATING THE STUDENTS.
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THIS IS A DUEL!
HE WILL COME ALONE!
HE IS A TRUE WARRIOR ...
WHAT IF HE BRINGS AN ARMY WITH HIM?
YOU'LL BE WALKING INTO THEIR TRAP!
NO! DON'T GO THERE ALONE!

HE COULD NOT HAVE ZERO FORM IRON BALLS IN HIS BODY!
IF HE WERE NOT A TRUE WARRIOR

PRINCIPAL, PERMISSION TO LEAVE EARLY
IF YOU WANT TO GET THERE BY MOONRISE, YOU MUST LEAVE NOW.
HOW LONG DOES IT TAKE TO GET TO THE EDGE OF NEO TOKYO?
THIS IS A FIGHT I CANNOT AVOID.
...TO LET YOU LEAVE SCHOOL EARLY SO YOU CAN GO FIGHT A DUEL?
Y-YOU'RE ASKING A PRINCIPAL
YOU'RE A WARRIOR BEFORE YOU'RE A STUDENT!
YOU MAY GO!
HOW DETERMINED HIS LIPS ARE
HOW CONFIDENT HIS EYES ARE

THANK YOU!
HAGAKURE!
HAGAKURE!
!!
AH!

GOOD LUCK!
DON'T THROW YOUR LIFE AWAY!
PLEASE BE CAREFUL!
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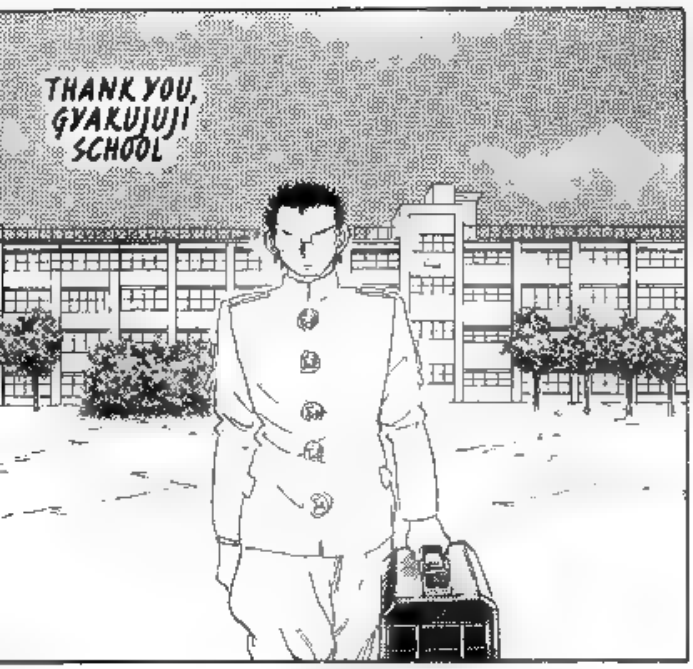
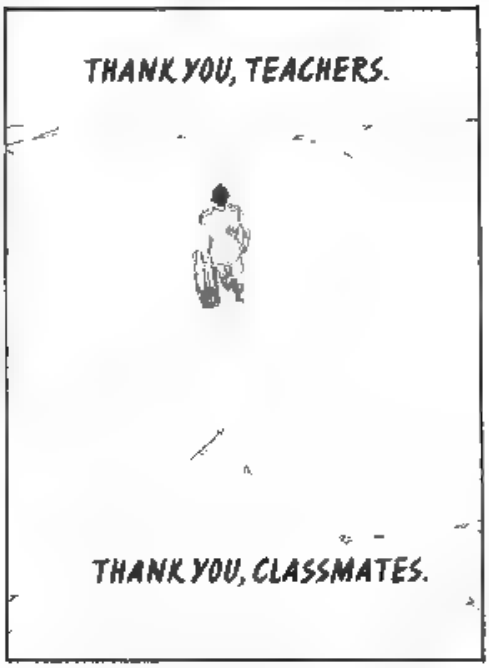

THANK YOU, GYAKUJUJI SCHOOL


THANK YOU, TEACHERS.
THANK YOU, CLASSMATES.

I HAVE TO PREPARE FOR THE DUEL.
PREPARE!

KAKUGO, WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

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I KNOW
YEAH, HE LEFT WITH A SMILE ON HIS FACE.
HAGAKURE JUST KNOWS THAT HE'S GONNA WIN
WHAT'S WRONG? HORIE?
HUH?
HAGAKURE! PLEASE DON'T GO!
THAT'S NOT LIKE HIM!
SOMETHING ISN'T RIGHT!
I'VE NEVER SEEN HIM SMILE LIKE THAT BEFORE!

GYAKUJUJI DORMITORY
WHY ARE YOU LOOKING INTO THAT MIRROR LIKE A WOMAN?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING SITTING HERE BEFORE A DUEL??
HEY!

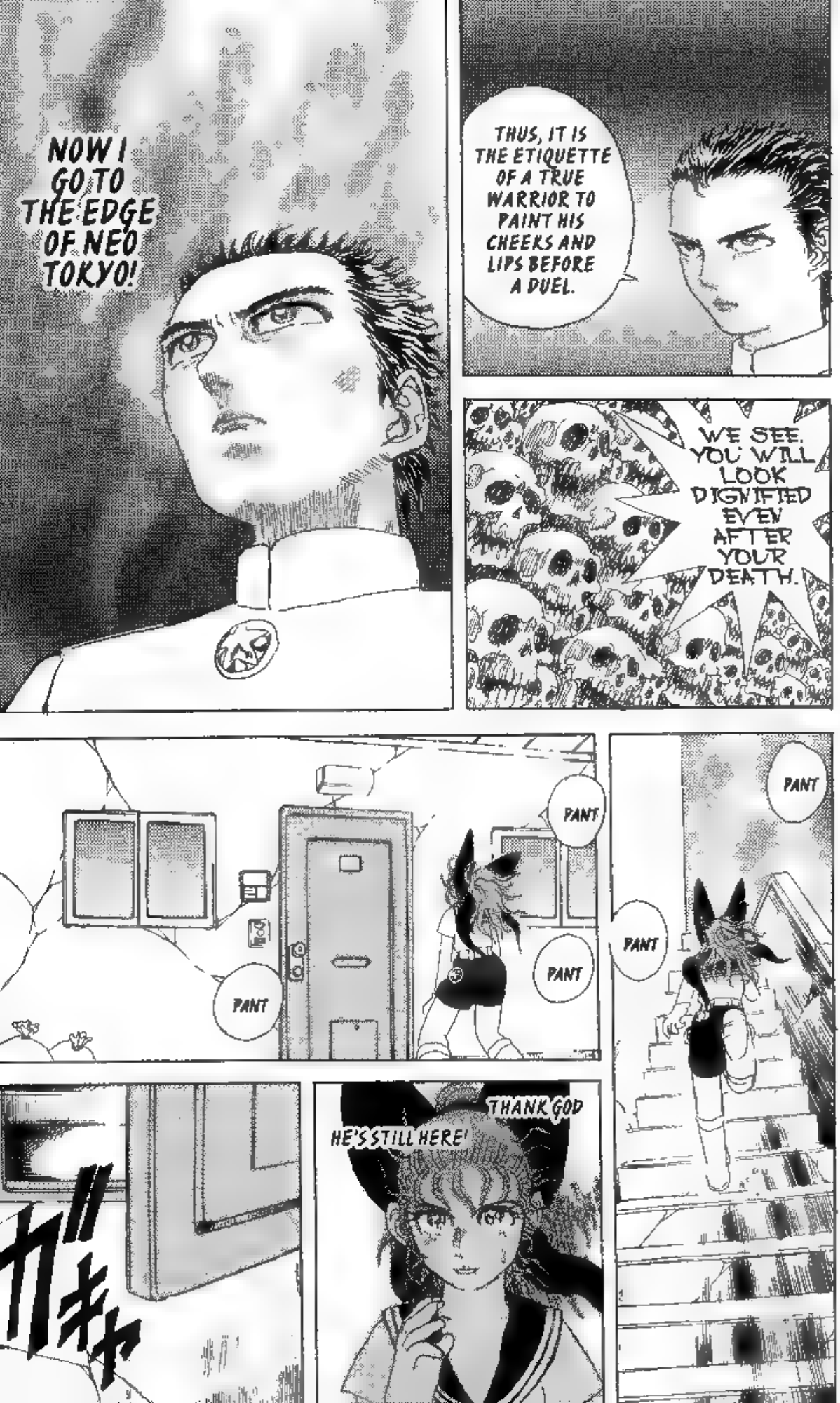
IF THE TIME COMES TO DIE, IT WOULD BE DISRESPECTFUL TO SHOW MY OPPONENT A PALE AND TORMENTED FACE.

ALTHOUGH I MAY REFUSE TO LET MYSELF LOSE THE BATTLE. .

THERE IS NO GUARANTEE THAT I WILL WIN

MAKEUP? WHAT ON EARTH ARE YOU THINKING?

MY OPPONENT IS A TRUE WARRIOR.


NOW I GO TO THE EDGE OF NEO TOKYO!
THUS, IT IS THE ETIQUETTE OF A TRUE WARRIOR TO PAINT HIS CHEEKS AND LIPS BEFORE A DUEL.
WE SEE. YOU WILL LOOK DIGNIFIED EVEN AFTER YOUR DEATH.
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THANK GOD
HE'S STILL HERE!

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NAGARURE
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I HAVE THIS ARMOR TO SHARE MY HEART.
I DO NOT NEED LOVE IN MY LIFE.

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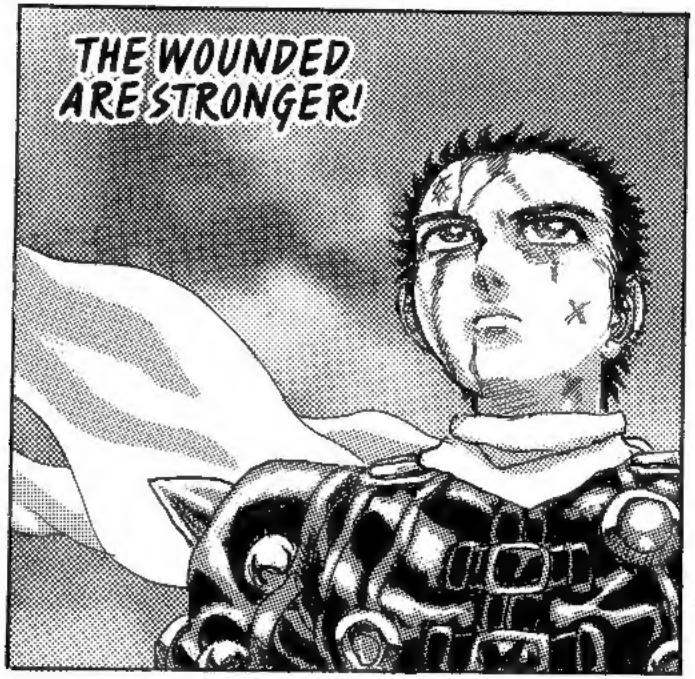
Thank you so much for reading my comic book. It is not easy to find the time to read a comic book, living in this busy world. I hope choosing this self-indulgent manga, when so many other mangas are being published, will make you very happy. All I can do now is to dedicate every minute of my life to creating this manga. I have given up women, booze and even my memories, and together with Hosokura and the rest of the staff, I will keep drawing, singing my song of courage. This volume finishes one third of the story. I would be truly grateful if you could continue reading it until the end.

Takayuki Yamaguchi



Words to Remember

One summer, when I was 18, I went on a trip, and I was watching some monkeys that were roaming free. Most of the monkeys looked pretty dumb, but this one monkey had a more dignified look. The monkey keeper explained. "This monkey doesn't have an arm, but he is the leader of this pack. Among both animals and humans, the wounded are stronger!" His words are the inspiration for what I am now.

BALLAD OF HARARA
I AM NOT A WOMAN WHO YEARNS FOR ETERNAL ROSES
I AM NOT A MAN WHO DESIRES TO BECOME THE KING OF THE WORLD.
I JUST BELIEVED IN MYSELF. NOT KNOWING THAT IT WOULD SOMEDAY PERISH.
MY HEART IS ALREADY AHEAD OF TOMORROW. LEAVING MY BODY TO ROT.
THE RECOLLECTIONS OF LOVE I CANNOT FORGET. I WILL LET THEM DISSOLVE INTO THE DARKNESS OF NIGHT.
THE PATH NO ONE CAN SEE. THE PATH I SHALL FOLLOW.

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